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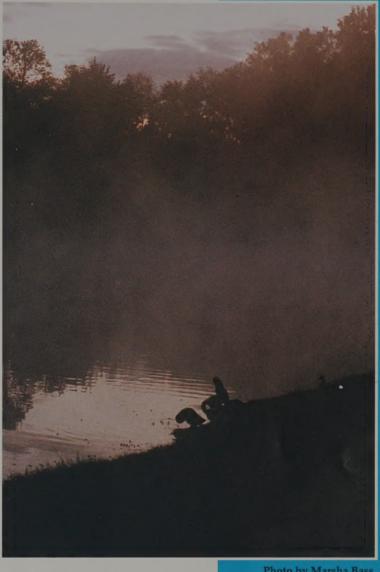


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The Road Not Taken Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could To where it bent in the undergrowth ...

Photo by Marsha Bass

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Impressions ...

Will Be With You Forever

School started on a typical August day. But the action inside the building turned out to be anything but typical. The conduct of some of the students was looked down upon by many. Some say it was the pressure; others think it was just part of life. Even though the school year didn't necessarily get off to a good start, things improved as the year moved on.

One thing that wasn't easy getting used to was having three schedules to work with. It seemed like every day there was a different time to do things. The three different schedules were the result of the Student Support Program (SSP), Channel One (student news) and Early Release Days (as part of restructuring).

The Student Support Program was for freshmen and sophomores and was held on Mondays and Thursdays for twenty-five minutes. The idea of the groups was to help the underclassmen work out their problems in a small, trustworthy, honest and productive environment. The juniors and seniors used the extra time to study and listen to seminars.

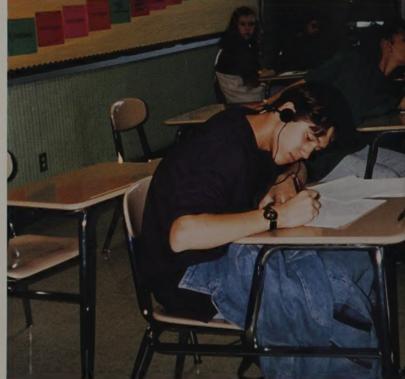
Channel One was introduced to Central students during the spring of 1993. Channel One was scheduled at the beginning of second hour along with "The Blazer Daily Announcements". The news received from Channel One proved to be attention getting and useful.

Elkhart Central also continued to have Early Release Day on every other Wednesday. The difference this year was that the emphasis was put on the activities the students did during this free time. The school pushed for the students to become more active in the community by doing such things as tutor at the elementary schools, visit senior citizens or a local nursing home, job shadowing and the list went on and on.

Once the first few months went by, things quieted down and the changes became old habits that will leave lasting impressions on our lives forever.

Jessie Stroup







On Saturday morning, while there are no students to be seen, the building stands ready and warring feet to hit the floor. Photo by Marsha Bass

With three different schedules, Junior Tiffany Hughes stares at her watch wondering when class starts.

Photo by Carla Cook







During one of his least favorite classes a student listens to his Walkman to get away from the classroom noise.

Photo by Missy Gaume

Once that 3:10 bell rings the students are out of here. They rush to catch the buses, rides home or their daily grind of sports life at ECHS.

"Student Life" Laura Brooks

On the first day of school, some students entered the building with many feelings of apprehension and excitement. Others felt right at home. As students walked through the doors, they got their "first impressions" of what was to come for the 93-94 school year. As the school year began,

Pennant Annual 1993-1994 many different feelings accompanied the thoughts of old students returning and new students

who were getting their first taste of life at Elkhart Central High School.

What exactly was student life? Jobs, cars, home-comings and plenty of other things kept students busy. Many upperclassmen felt the stress of picking out a college or university to attend. Some still needed to pick out a major. Others were finding full time jobs and deciding what they would do with the rest of their lives. If there was one thing that could be said about Central this past year, it was that it had life! What was one of the liveliest parts of the year? Well, the student section of course! Homecoming was always the best for student spirit! The dances were pretty high on the list too! We had a great year, and the Pennant Annual was there to prove it!



First Impressions

Ike Foust demonstrates his perception of student life at the homecoming dance following the game between Central and the Penn Kingsmen.

Photo by Robert Lonie

Juggling Acts

Students balance academics and activities

Many different students at Elkhart Central High School have a wide variety of activities to attend to throughout the school year such as athletics, drama, band, and clubs etc. A wide variety of students overload their schedules.

Senior Patrick Keogan knows first hand what juggling activities is all about. Keogan is involved in different activities throughout the school year, but by organizing his time between practices and projects, he feels that he, "has mastered the art that only a selected

few can master."

Mrs. Byrd, counselor, gave her opinions on the subject of juggling activities. Byrd stated that kids need to be more organized, set their priorities, and know their goals. "An athlete has to practice after school, study at lunch, and try to have a study hall in their schedule. Time management is a big part," she advised.

In conclusion, the student has to practice good time management to keep a balance between his/her academics and activities.

Scott Chakan



Senior Pat Keogan works with the freshmen at football practice. After a long day at school then practice, Keogan stated, "It is difficult to go home and start doing your homework, but you have to."

Photo by Reid Mellott

"My
impression of
Juggling
Activities

"It would be easier if all of the teachers and coaches would work with you on it."

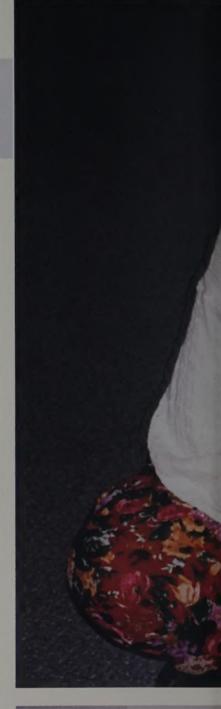
> Junior Angie Gunden

"School should come first before any other activities."
Senior
Jennifer Anderson

"School should be the first priority for students before athletics and activities." Sophomore Amanda Miller

"Teachers should try
to space tests more
efficiently to suit
students
schedules, because
we all have other
lives after school."

Junior Christine Russell







Senior Tara Helser works hard, learning her lines, at play practice. "Being Miss Hannigan in the play this year takes up a lot of my free time, but I enjoy doing it." Photo by Reid Mellott

Senior Tara Helser concentrates on her algebra during sixth hour. She realizes she will need to study during class because she won't have time after school.

Photo by Reid Mellott





Senior Pat Keogan takes time out of his busy schedule to attend class. He knows his senior year is an important one, and he needs to balance his schedule correctly.



The biggest game of the year again was the clash between the Blazers and the Penn Kingsmen and the students, band, and fans were there to support the team. Photo by Reid Mellott

HOMECOMING COURT 1993.

Row 1 (left to right): Jason Beelaert, Brandon Lott, Brennan Smith, Megan Dierickx, Ryan Schwartz, Lindsay Benko, Sarah Rodewald, Adam Fuller, Chris Wingard, J.R. Bryant. Row 2 (left to right): Kristen Smith, Erin Sfreddo, Brandy Alvarado, Garrett Montgomery, Mandi Ropp, Julie Fessenden, Craig Sherwood, Cindy Eppert, Matt Pittman, Shanna Reza, Paula Lee, Latoya Jackson.

Photo by Lindahl Photography



The Elkhart Central Band leads the way for the homecoming parade towards Rice Field.







"My impression of Homecoming is...

"Homecoming is the ultimate display of school spirit andtogetherness." Senior Mr. B

"The sophomores finally got what they deserve." Sophomore Katie Root

"It was a great way to socialize." Freshman Mindy Johnson

"This year the court was great, but there should be a king, too."

Junior Kim Freshour

"It was the only time I was proud to be a senior." Senior Katie Greco

"It was nice, but why not have a king?"

Sophomore Trent Jackson

Homecoming 1993

An Impressing Way to Start Off the Year

Storming out of Rice School and onto the road, the parade at Homecoming 1993 kicked off the spirit-filled night.

"Pirate Heaven '97". the freshman float, was enthusiastic and a definite runner in the competition. But the favorites to win were the sophomores' float "Spook the Kingsmen " filled with ghosts and goblins, and the juniors' Egyptian theme "A Nile Ate the Kingsmen". To top it off, the seniors' were ready to "Flush the Kingsmen" on a float filled with plumbers and toilets. In the end sophomores took the vote.

The parade was one half of Homecoming, the game was the other. Excitement roared through the crowd as the court and queen candidates came onto the field. The choice of queen was between Cindy Eppert, Julie Fessenden, and Mandi Ropp. When Julie Fessenden was crowned as the Homecoming Queen, 1993 the excitement grew.

The overall impression was a new sense of school spirit, and a way for all the previous graduates to come back to Central. It was an excellent way to begin the 1993-1994 school year.

Iodi Kurtze



The Seniors prepare to "Flush the Kingsmen". Left to right: Steve Gress, Mandi Jones, Raquel Deisenroff, Kim Clark, Tony Datena, Jeff Haradine. Photo by Reid Mellott

Student Bands Getting Together to Jam

Some of Elkhart Central's many students not only like to listen to music during their free time, they enjoy making their own. Senior Clancy Miller, Disaster Area, stated, "[We] didn't like what society was putting out as 'music,' so we decided to go on ahead and make our own. We practice out in E. G. Hannah's barn, where we can play really loud, and it's really cool." In his former group, Miller played the bass guitar. In Disaster Area, however,

he is lead guitarist.

The original members of another band, <u>Blood Lust</u>, had formed their group last summer, but the line-up has changed several times. <u>Blood Lust</u> plays mainly speed metal or death metal. Junior and guitarist Kyllan Winkler is a member of a threesome, which is as yet unnamed. He has been playing guitar for the past three years.

These students are out to have a fun time doing something that they greatly enjoy. Daniel Edwards explains, "Music is a way of life, and you have to be dedicated to it."

by Erica Ridley



Vocalist Alan Thornton (standing in front) greatly admires the singing style of the late Jim Morrison, who was the charismatic lead singer of the Doors.

Photo by Erica Ridley

"My
impression of
making my own
music...

"Playing guitar is my release." Senior Matt Gifford

"People join bands to make good music that they can really relate to. I want to be in one just for the fun of it."

> Sophomore Andy James

"Immortal feelings are the true art of music. Music is the wave of society."

Senior Bryan Helfrich

"Being in a band is really cool, because when your group goes on tour, you get to meet a bunch of cool people."

Junior
Phil Gibson

"I'd like to be in a band because I'm a female guitarist. It's rare to see one, so when you do, it's awesome."

> Junior Brenda Rock







Left: Kyllan Winkler (with guitar), lead guitarist, decided to make his own music, "so I could express myself in my own way." Other members include sophomore Jed Johnson and junior Alan Thornton.

Photo by Erica Ridley

Below: "Our music is really weird," says guitarist Clancy Miller. "That's the only way to describe it." Also in Disaster Area are bassist "Maggot" Weiss, drummer E.G. Hannah, and vocalist Shane Antisdale.

Photo by Reid Mellott





"If it's not loud and it's not fast, then it's not worth it," states bassist Matt Edwards of Blood Lust. Other members include junior Erica Ridley, and sophomores Ben Elijah and Daniel Edwards. Photo by Cullen Edwards

What time do we get out of here?

New schedules cause confusion

entral's many new programs resulted in three new schedules for the 1993-94 school year. The new schedules caused confusion for everyone. "The schedules were confusing because the times are always different. Teachers never got everything they wanted done because they forgot what time class ends," explained senior Carrie Platusich. Many other students agreed. "I never knew what time to come back from lunch which caused tardies," said junior Erin Booth.

The new schedules were

the result of the addition of the Student Support Program (SSP). Students had varying opinions on SSP. They ranged from extreme dislike; "I hate it. I hate it with a passion. I loathe it," said senior Amanda Kennedy, to approval, " I think SSP is a good idea because it helps individuals," explained sophomore Cecily Janz.

A few people were willing to propose solutions. "I think every day should be like the half-day Wednesdays," suggested senior Mike Kissel.

Carla Cook



Students work hard to get their work done before the bell rings. They hope to get it finished so they won't have to do it at home.

Photo by Robert Lonie

"My impression of the new schedules...

"I think they stink.
They're too
confusing."
Senior
Mike Kissel

"Sometimes it's nice
to get an early
release from
an usually
annoying class."
Senior
Gretchen
Heinrichs

"It's nice to get out at 1:10!" Junior Renee Row

"I think teachers are spending more time trying to figure out what time we leave than teaching."

Sophomore
Cecily Janz

"The schedules are fine until the days with SSP. SSP is boring."

Freshman

Erica Clerc







Drafting students hope to finish their projects during class. They hope they won't end up rushing to finish and pack-up as the bell rings.

Photo by Reid Mellott

Time keeps on ticking on one of the many clocks at Central. In ten minutes another school day will have gone by.

Photo by Carla Cook





Students in Mrs. Dabler's sixth hour class anxiously await the close of another day. Sixth hour is the only hour that ends at the same time every day. Unless its a half-day.

Photo by Carla Cook

Talking Turkey

Central Students Have Unusual Pets

Everybody has a cat, or a dog. Hamsters, rats, budgies, parrots: They flood into our homes. We give them food, a place to sleep. With "Fido," "Sylvester," or "Tweety," they become individuals. Then their real crusade into our homes begins.

"Sit and you'll get some catnip, "we say and think we have trained our pet. But isn't it like this: the pet "sits" and we, like a "trained pet" get up from our armchair and give him/her some catnip? Or, if "Fido" is sad and will really not be quiet he is allowed to sleep in our bed.

Human beings are the best trained pets in the world.

Of course that's not the only way. "No, no," freshman Melanie Hayes said "our pet lives in the backyard, in a fenced up place." Well, no wonder! Who would like to have a 45 pound turkey lying on his feet during the night?

Some Central students do not fit the picture of "pets and people"! Alligators, turkeys, ferrets, pets of every day life? I doubt it. But these animals were found after some research- in the homes of Central students. Who wants to have my dog?

Barbara Perlich



Holding his alligator Walley senior Jason Newburn smiles for the photographer. He got his alligator because of love-atfirst-sight.

Photo by Missy Gaume

"My impression of an unusual pet...

"A turkey? I would always think: "Hey, there's dinner walking around my house!"

Mrs. Bass

"Sometimes his [Pedro] giggling sounds like he's talking!" Freshman Melanie Hayes

"Why I got Walley
[his alligator]? I
saw him and
wanted him!"
Senior
Iason-Newburn

"An alligator? Why not? I would play with him!" Freshman Todd Baskin

"An alligator? Hey, that's crazy!" Freshman Jeremie Schultz

"She named her turkey Pedro...?" Senior Jennifer Garber







Holding her turkey Pedro, freshman Melanie Hayes doesn't seem to be too comfortable. But in spite of this she would never let anybody get her turkey for a Thanksgiving dinner! Photo by Barbara Perlich

It takes a close look to discover the lizard, but finally it can be found sitting on the finger of freshman Elizabeth Oyer.

Photo by Erica Ridley





Senior Jennifer Garber struggles to hold on to as many kittens as she can. This is just a small sample of her 17 cats, but she wouldn't give up a single one.

Photo by Barbara Perlich

Anything Goes Fashion trends of the 90's

t Central, fashion statements were a real must: people looked at more than just magazines and models to get that so called "trendy style." People brought their personalities into what they wore. What was considered a trend? Anything.... in the mid-nineties.

When walking down the halls at Elkhart Central students saw many different styles. Birkenstocks with complemented socks, shaved heads, flannel shirts, and braided hair, with beads or rubber bands adding a finishing touch, were common sights. These trends seemed to be consistent throughout most of the student body, and even the teachers.

Individuality was shown many different ways throughout the year. The way a person wore his or her hair was a way to show individuality. Another way to be an individual was to dress carefree, and not to worry about what other people thought.

While in the past, following a trend has been the trendy thing to do, to be an individual had proven to be the one trend that fit all students at Elkhart Central.

Missy Gaume



Jamie Murphy, Kim Clark, and Mandy Zurek are excellent examples of the different types of trends that spread through the 1993-94 school year.

Photo by Missy Gaume

impression
of a
fashion
trend

"Be yourself. Don't try to be like everyone else."

Junior Mario Rowland

"To wear or not to wear, that is the question." **Junior Eric Irions**

"If you like it go with it, if you don't, don't wear it." **Junior** Tara Poyser

"Students at Central dress the way their clique dresses. I don't think that anyone can change it."

> Sophomore **Amanda Miller**

"The flowery dresses need to go. It looks like something my grandmother would wear in the 20's."

Junior Ouentin Gibson







Junior Casey Clopton demonstrates individuality by having his name cut in the back of his head. He feels that this "shows that [he's] an individual."

Photo by Robert Lonie

Senior Karen Hagopian wears her hair in a unique way to accent the style of cloth-ing that she enjoys wearing. Photo by Missy Gaume





Birkenstocks accented many outfits throughout the school year. This type of shoe became popular because of comfort and versatility.

Photo by Missy Gaume

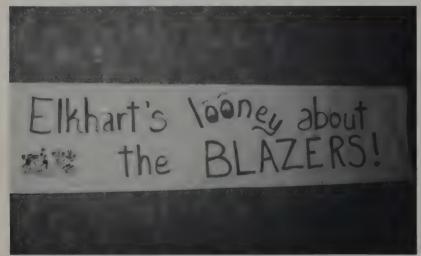


Pump it up Blazers! Fight! Fight! Fight! Juniors Jameka Redmond and Annika Arnold show their Blazer spirit as they kick off the Homecoming Parade.

Photo by Reid Mellott

The Spirit Club's many signs are the main decorations of the Student Center. Not only do they tell when and where meets are, they give other spirited messages.

Photo by Robert Lonie



After coming up with the spirited heading it finally gets put on paper. Sophomore Veronica Stutz arranges the colors of her letters so they are eye appealling.

Photo by Robert Lonie







"My impression of Blazer Spirit

is ...

"We're the best!"
Freshman
Paul Caselman

"Blazers Rule!"
Sophomore
Kristen Cripe

"If someone said that Central has no spirit I'd say they have never been here." Junior Clayton Barclay

"Ain't no pride like Blazer Pride!" Senior Terry Smith

"If the administrationcould let us have more pep rallies it would be better."

Junior

LaTonya Outlaw

"There are three things in life: a driver's license, the girl's swim team, and Blazer Spirit." Sophomore

Scott Burger

Blazer Spirit Students at Central pour it on

he spirit of Elkhart Central was at a monumental high this year. Students turned out in great number to cheer their favorite Central teams to victory. The amazing tennis and swim seasons boosted the already soaring spirit. Senior Julie Fessenden summed up the feelings of many athletes. "I know for a fact that if you have a bunch of people cheering you on it makes you feel like you have a lot of supporters." Senior Dee Wilson appreciates the crowds as well. "I like playing against Penn. The crowds

really get me hyped."

Part of the Blazer spirit comes from the Spirit Club and the Blazer cheerleaders. The Spirit Club hangs banners in the student center to remind students when the games are. The cheerleading squads excite the crowd at the games. Together these great clubs get the student body in an invigorated mood that effects everyone around them. This year the Blazers went out of their way to have a fun and exciting year. Everyone looks forward to many more years to come.

Carla Cook



During the Homecoming game Blazer spirit soared. In charge of keeping it that way was the cheerleading squad. Here the varsity squad shows their pride while preparing to lead the parade.



Hannigan is extremely fed up with the annoyance of orphans and expresses this to the audience.

Photo by Reid Mellott

Warbucks is puzzled when he first meets Annie. $\label{eq:warbucks}$

Photo by Reid Mellott



Helser, Emgenbroich, and Kubasiak get ready to move to Easy Street and capture Annie.





impression of "Annie" is...

"This musical was fun and exciting. Our leads were excellent, they made our play what it was."

> Freshman **Kevin Cantzler**

"The end result is worth putting up with the directors."

Senior Dan Graves

"Doing a musical is like hitting your hand with a hammer. It hurts while you're doing it, but it feels so much better after it's all over."

> Senior Damon **Emgenbroich**

"The choreography was easier this year because of the large amount of movers and trained dancers. This made the large groups easier." Choreographer Stephanie Roth **Pairitz**

"Annie" A Musical Success

The Broadway musical "Annie" was performed for the fall musical. Mr. Kevin Ong was the director, with the assistance of Dan Rayner. The choreographer was Stephanie Roth Pairitz. Pairitz stated, "The choreography was easier this year because of the large amount of trained dancers, and if the dancers were not trained then they were excellent movers."

The classic musical began as Annie, played by La Tonya Outlaw with her phenomenal voice, helped keep the orphans' spirit up as she began to try to find her parents. One of the main obstacles for Annie to overcome was the witchy and drunken Miss Hannigan.

Miss Hannigan was played by Tara Helser.

Along with Miss Hannigan, Annie faced the trickery of Rooster and Lilly, played by Damon Emgenbroich and Kristen Kubasiak, as they tried to get the reward money that was offered to the real parents of Annie. Dan Graves was the male lead as Daddy Warbucks.

All of the characters developed their parts with enthusiasm. "I was glad that I got a lead role in my senior year," stated Rachel Zarria. This year was made especially possible through the theatrical talents of Kevin Ong and Dan Rayner who made the musical complete.

Jodi Kurtze



Annie is welcomed by all of the servants at Warbuck's mansion with much enthusiasm and excitement



Although condoms are the best protection against AIDS next to abstinence, they have a failure rate of 20% among teens attempting contraception.

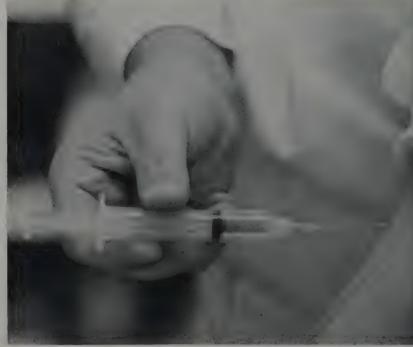
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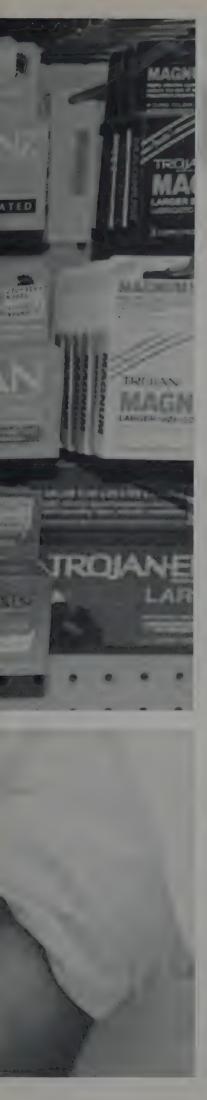
Teenagers who are sexually active should definitely take precautions. The AIDS virus is thirty times *smaller* than a human sperm cell.

Photo by Robert Lonie



Syringes are dangerous. Senior Jason Schumacher is concerned about the AIDS epidemic, because "my kids will be growing up in this world, and I don't want them around this."





"My
impression
of AIDS
in our
generation...

"AIDS is killing the people we love." Sophomore Fabi Ramos

"We should spend more time on a cure." Junior Aaron Carris

"We should all have sex and die together- save the planet." Sophomore Cari Witcher

"Teenagers should be more responsible, or not have sex at a young age." Sophomore Velishea Billings

"Most people don't take it seriously enough. They think of AIDS victims as outcasts."

Junior Tara Poyser

AIDS: Sex, Drugs, & Blood Transfusions

7t's a major concern among teenagers. First diagnosed in 1979, the number of cases had tripled by 1981when the Center for Disease Control publicly reported it for the first time. In 1982, the disease was named AIDS. Two years later, scientists discovered HIV, and in '85 blood screening began. In 1986, the Surgeon General urged condom use to prevent contracting the disease. It has become such a large part of American life that in 1990, Congress passed legislation preventing discrimination against victims, but the White House delayed the decision whether or not to let carriers enter the U.S.

Can it be contracted through mosquito bites? Water fountains? Hugging? All these answers are "no." Scientists currently believe that AIDS can only be contracted through bodily fluids.

Some believe it is isolated in the homosexual population but by the end of 1991, ten thousand heterosexuals contracted AIDS. By the end of that year, despite the epidemic, the number of sexually active women aged 15 to 17 was 18% higher than in '82. Many feel the same as Karyn Sweezy when she stated, "If teenagers are going to have sex, they should do it the right way- [use]condoms."

Erica Ridley



A condom display. As Activities Director Mr. Garrard stated, "Kids are very, very much influenced by T.V. and movies. AIDS will only get worse, until there's a change of morality in our society."

Photo by Robert Lonie



After a triumphant win the Blazers celebrate and pose for a victory picture.

Photo submitted by Tom Kurth

Track Team members Chris Cozort and Trellus Washington along with Coach Kurth hold up the 1993 State Track Championship Trophy.

Photo submitted by Tom Kurth



In preparation for a victory parade the Central Tracksters stand ready to go upon an Elkhart Firetruck.

Photo submitted by Tom Kurth





"My Impression of the State Track win...

"My personal goals are second, the team comes first."
Senior
Chris Cozort

"We dedicated this season to Coach Kurth." '93 Graduate Stanely Davis

"They were dynamic! We were never ranked No. 1, but I told the kids don't worry about it. Every one of the kids gave it everything they had!"

Coach

Tom Kurth

"It was just exciting. The way Stanley and Trellus both got first in their 100 meter heats set the tone for the rest of the meet."

P.E. Instructor
Dean Foster

State Track Champions

The Blazers Blaze Ahead

Joshen Sectional: the tracksters won their fourth consecutive sectional title with a record 158 points with second place having only 62. Eleven individuals, the 400 meter and 1600 meter relav teams all went on to compete at the Fort Wayne Wayne regional. When called upon at regionals, the Blazers won easily with 77 points outscoring the next two teams who had 40 and 36. Although the Blue Blazers went into the State Meet having never been ranked number one throughout the entire season, they still went on to outrun the opposition by 33 points. But maybe the

most impressive act of the Elkhart Central Track Team was the way in which they won-like they always have-together, by the tremendous teamwork of coaches and teammates.

Senior Chris Cozort ran for a first place finish in the half mile and for a second in the mile. The 400 meter relay team ran to win with a blistering time of 42.07 seconds.

Friday, the fourth of June, 1993, definitely proved to be memorable for all who participated and those who just sat back and enjoyed watching the Blazers blaze ahead.

Jessie Stroup



On and off the track, Blazer fans showed their excitement and suport for the Central champions.

Photo submitted by Tom Kurth

A Worldwide Impression

Fight Over The Country

Civil war in Yugoslavia

Yugoslavia has never been a union. It was a state of many and different peoples who had been forced to live together and get along with each other. And it worked. As long as there was a joint enemy: the communistic government, supported by a few, hated by many, feared by most.

When the communistic system in most parts of the world began to break down in the late 1980s, en-

thusiasm was big. Everybody yelled for independence, wanting to make his region a sovereign state. Soon problems appeared: Who joins whom, what group gets what part of the land. And, Do we, one of the parties, allow other parties to leave our state and let them claim their own state? There lies the basis for the civil war in former Yugoslavia. By fall 1993, the war in Bosnia had lasted for 11/2 years. Barbara Perlich

Abortive Mission? US troops in Somalia

It started with visions of charity. There were people who couldn't feed themselves, so other people decided to feed them.

Those people in need were the Somalis. Civil war in Somalia led to the starvation of many of its citizens. The United Nations wanted to right this great wrong.

When US troops first went to Somalia, they were greeted with handshakes. By October 1993, 31 American soldiers had been killed. What happened?

There were misgivings in the mission from the start. Neighboring country Kenya called Somalis guerillas who would launch hit-and-run attacks. Also, the job wasn't clear from the beginning. Were we to only get the food moving again or assure order and a government in Somalia? There is still no agreement about these questions. And there is no end of the war in sight. Barbara Perlich

Some of the information in these articles was found in The Elkhart Truth and Time Magazine

PLO Chairman Arafat, Israel Prime Minister Rabin and Egyptian President Mubarak at the start of the peace negotiations in the middle east. AP Photo

The All-Time US Monster The flood of 1993

"And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth."

People might have remembered this biblical passage when the sky opened, over the upper Midwest of the US in May 1993, spilling rain over the plain area. During the next three months, there were disastrous results. In most parts of the region, the Mississippi River rose to a level up to 16 feet higher than the official flood level. Over 10 million acres were covered and 26 people died. Damage was estimated at \$8 billion.

When it stopped raining, the disaster wasn't over. There was mud as a result of the sandbagging efforts: 26.5 million bags, each filled with roughly 35 lbs. of sand.

The people who barely escaped with their lives will always remember it as the day the rains came.

Barbara Perlich



A Star Leaves The Scene

The retirement of Michael Jordan

He had reached everything one could reach in the world of basketball: He led the Chicago Bulls to three consecutive NBA championships. He won seven straight league scoring titles. He was league MVP three times, was selected for the NBA All-Star first team seven times and won the Olympic gold-medal twice. So his announced retirement in early October 1993 led many to ask, "Why?"

The answer was simple. He lost the motivation to play the game. As Jordan said, he had thought about retiring earlier in 1993 but what finally made him do it was the senseless murder of his father in the summer of 1993. It made him realize "how valuable life is.."

Will there be a comeback? "Five years down the line, if the urge comes back, if the Bulls have me,... I may come back."

Barbara Perlich



A Chronology Of Events In The Dispute Over Palestine

1917 - WW I. The World Zionist Organization is promised British support of a homeland in Palestine for the Jews.

1920-48 - Britain rules Palestine. Massive immigration of Jews.

1939-45 - WW II. Six million Jews are murdered in the Holocaust under Hitler's rule. Jewish population then increases from 56,000 to 608,000.

1947 - The United Nations recommends a partition of Palestine into an Arab and a Jewish part. Arabs refuse to accept this.

1948 - The Jewish part of Palestine declares its independence as the state of Israel. Arab armies enter Israel. Israel defeats them and conquers all of Palestine.

1967 - The Six-Day War. Israelis crush the Arab armies, taking Sinai, West Bank and Golan Heights.

1973 - Yom-Kippur War. Egypt and Syria attack Israel. Israel takes the Suez Canal. An Arab-Israeli peace conference and Kissinger's diplomacy result in Israel's withdrawal from the Suez Canal.

1977 - Egyptian President Anwar Sadat visits Israel and recognizes it as a state. Peace negotiations are started.

1991 - In Madrid Israelis and Palestinians attend a conference together for the first time.

Aug. 1993 - Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization agree about a peace plan which includes Palestinian self rule beginning in Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

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Mr. McManime solemnly marries seniors Tara Helser and Jason Robertson while junior Amanda Hinrichs and freshman Chris Mallers look on.

Photo by Lindahl

 $Freshmen\,Renee\,Davis\,and\,Summer\,Gary$ are having a swingin' time dancing in their flannels in the gym. Stated Davis, "The picture background was good, and I love the funky chicken.'

Photo by Lindahl



All the "down home" people line up to get their pictures taken together! Sophomore Ike Foust seems *really* excited...

Photo by Lindahl







"My
impression of
Sadie
Hawkins
Day is...

"I had to go to the Sadies because I was invited before I even knew what it was." Junior

Jared Thompson

"I had fun dancing with my date and getting married." Junior Sarah Wessel

"The music they played was mostly rap, but some country and western.
The best part was getting married because we got daisy rings."
Sophomore

Ike Foust

"I liked the way
people dressed, like
farmers and stuff. I
also liked the idea
of getting married,
because if you care
about somebody,
you can show him
that way."

Junior

Cindy Lyon

Sadie Hawkins
Y'all Come Back Now Y'hear

On Friday, November 12, nearly 800 students attended the annual Sadie Hawkins Day dance. They wore overalls, boots, plaid flannels, and straw hats. "The pictures were fun, and it was cool to see everybody dress up," stated senior Christine Hull. Junior Jamie Murphy agreed, "Getting ready was really fun. Imade a big deal about it." The women invited the men to the event that lasted from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Individuals from all grade levels attended the occasion for only \$5.00 per couple. Many students showed up that night for the opportunity to dance to

loud music together in the gymnasium, among other things. Some chose to drink pop in the student center, talking with their other friends. Others "married" their dates, and received an adjustable ring and a marriage license. Many who went to Sadie's enjoyed a night full of music, fun, and refreshments, as well as talked with new and old friends.

Although some students chose not to go, many people have attended this affair each year of their high school career. Junior Autumn Wirth stated, "I went last year. I just like bopping around having fun!"

Erica Ridley



Standing between friends Mike Jones and Philip Seaver, freshman Ty Thompson gives the Sadie Hawkins Day dance two thumbs up.

Photo by Lindahl

"Academics" Laura Brooks

hen you finish thinking about all of the clubs, sports and other activities, what else was there? There were teachers, students, and... oh yeah! There were also the classes that were attended every day! School was the one reason for getting up so early every morning between August and June.

There were many changes in the curriculum this year. A work enhancement program was offered, as was TAPP (Teen Age Parent Program) for mothers, and SSP, or Student Support Program. SSP was a half

Pennant Annual 1993-1994 hour every Monday and Thursday before lunchand gave

freshmen and sophomores a chance to discuss current problems and world issues. It also gave juniors and seniors a chance to do the homework that was due fourth hour! The staff was at work all year trying to think of new techniques of teaching through the twenty-first century project.

School is a very important part of our future and the world around us. Many decisions that will be made will be influenced by things learned in school. What was achieved in school this year will help determine what will happen with the rest of our lives. Why don't we take a look and try to "impress ourselves"!

Impressing Ourselves

Keyboarding is just one of the many hands-on classes that offers real-life training for professional life after school.



Preparing for his future, senior Jeff Parcell is mastering the skill of welding.

Photo by Reid Mellott

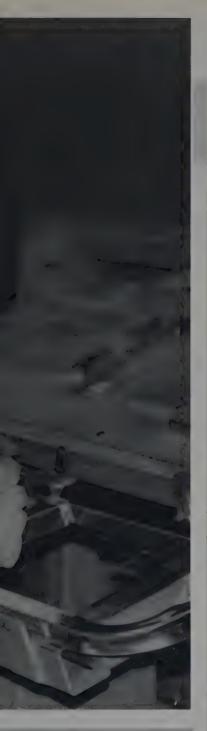
Senior Kim Oswalt is sharpening her secretarial skills whlie working at Godfrey Marine.

Photo by Reid Mellott



Senior Lisa Courchene is now the assistant manager of Karma Records in Pierre Moran Mall. The ICE program is paying off for her.





"My impression of the ICE program is...

"The ICE program is preparing me for future work."

Senior Kim Oswalt

"ICE helps you decide what you want to do." Senior Jeff Parcell

"ICE helps students learn about the real world and responsibility."

Senior Lisa Courchene

"ICE gives our young people an oppurtunity to feel out the working world and earn credit."

Vice Principal Robert Minichillo

"This program gives our students a positive impact with new avenues and experiences. ICE is a successful program with the students."

Counselor JerryFivecoate

ICE... Working to the Future

A new program in education this year was the ICE, or Work-Study Program. This program was designed to help those students who have difficulty going to school and working at the same time. In this program, a strong, close, relationship is developed between the advisor, the student worker and the student's employer. This opportunity helped students by letting them finish their high school education while they were able to go to work too.

To get into the program, the students had to first get a work permit or an Intent to Employ Card through the school. The approval depended on the student's grade point average, the previous classes they have taken before high school and the student's attendance at school and work.

There were twelve students involved in the program. The majority of these students were seniors but. there were sophomores involved also. During the day, the students took three regular classes. Out of the other three class periods, one was spent with the program advisor, Mr. John Alley, and the other two class periods were spent working. This was an excellent way for students to develop their skills in the working field and to help prepare them for future work.

Iodi Kurtze



Mr. Alley is the facilitator of the ICE program and makes his daily rounds to the work sites all of the students in the program.

Photo by Reid Mellott

APP Dancing

Teen mothers balance child rearing and education

The United States has by far the highest rates of teen pregnancy, births and abortions of all developed countries. In 1977 a program began in a suite of two rooms and an office area at Elkhart Memorial High School. Since 1984, the program has been located at Rice School. This program is called Teenage Parent Program, otherwise known as, TAPP.

TAPP is designed to provided infant and toddler care for teenage mothers who are attending High School. The program is offered to any student that is enrolled in the Elkhart Community Schools who is pregnant and has a child. This program gives teenage mothers a chance to receive a high school education and get their diploma while being a mother.

Believe it or Not...

Since it's origination in 1983, T.A.P.P. has enabled over 350 young mothers to stay in school while raising their children.

Only 60% of teenage girls and 52% of teenagr boys have received sexuality education by age 19.

70% of families maintained by women under age 25 are living below the poverty area.





A baby takes a nap at Rice School during the TAPP program. The TAPP program is designed to give teenage mothers a place to leave their children while they attend school during the day.

Photo by Robert Lonie

A student takes a break from school to spend some time with her child. Students attend Rice School two hours every day to spend with their children.

Photo by Robert Lonie





Junior Chad Edwards skillfully manuevers the wood through the jigsaw for his project. Woods class is one of the many options offered at the career center.

Photo by Reid Mellott

Learning how to professionally style hair is a skill taught in Cosmetology. Junior Stephanie Hankins practices a new technique she learned at the Career Center.

Photo by Reid Mellott









Believe it Not ...

The Career Center was started during the 1971-1972 school year by a group of businessmen headed by Basil Turner.

Basil Turner donated the first million dollars toward the building.

There are over 900 students enrolled in one of the 26 areas of training offered.

The Career Center has won awards at state and national levels.

ake the choice

Career Center offers many new options outside the basic curriculum

Central had many other ter. Senior Mark Cuthert options in the daily student was in Auto Technology. schedule besides the ones in He said, "It's interesting. It the high school building. is never the same thing One of these was the Career twice and it's always some-Center. Career Center was thing new." Junior Leesa offered as a morning sched- Holdread said, "It has given ule or an afternoon sched- me an opportunity to see ule. Mornings ran from first what a career in law ento third hours, Afternoons forcement would be like from forth to sixth. Some of and the different career the courses offered at the choices." center were Auto Mechanics, Law Enforcement and said he enrolled, "'Cause Security, Advertising and the day goes quicker." Design, and Cosmetology.

rolled liked the Career Cen- anybody else."

Chris Myers, a senior,

Senior David Trout said, Most of the students en- "I would recommend it for

Carla Cook



upport Set up to lend a helping hand

SSP means Student Support Program. This new program was designed as an in-house program where teachers are assigned to groups of about 16 students. During the 25 minute period, twice a week, the groups talk about student adjustment to the school, academic planning, learning skills as well as about personal growth and career and life planning.

In a survey, 60% of the interviewed students said they felt like SSP was a waste of time. A majority though couldn't define the purpose of the program. However, some students indicated that the problem is not with the program, but with those students that are resistant to change.

Most of the advisors hope the SSP groups will stay the same as the program continues. As one of the fundamental steps toward achieving programs geared toward the student of the 21st century, most feel it will continue to progress after this initial bumpy period. That item will surely be a priority on the agenda of discussion topics for one of the future SSP periods.

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Believe it or Not...

The program is part of the restructuring of the school curriculum that will take Central into the 21st century.

SSP has helped over 10% of the students with at least one problem.

SSP is a program thought up by the faculty to help foster a sense of belonging to a group.







The seniors were all assigned to the cafeteria for the 25-minute session. Most used the time to prepare for afternoon classes.

Photo by Robert Lonie

Mr. Benjamin's SSP group is involved in a discussion concerning conflict resolution. The groups were encouraged to bring goodies in celebration of birthdays.

Photo by Robert Lonie





Junior Chris Anderson uses his time wisely on the Early Release Wednesdays by studying for important assignments. Photo by Reid Mellott

Senior Bernie Haskins works on his decision on which college he will attend after high school in the College/Career Room. Photo by Reid Mellott

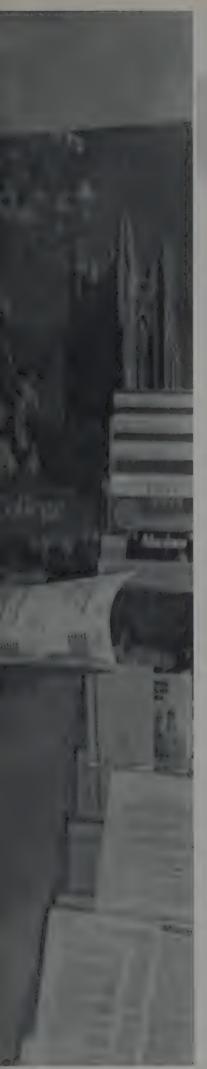




ing day's agenda.

Carolyn Freese demonstrates how other students decided to use their free time, day dreaming and contemplating the follow-

Photo by Reid Mellott



Believe it Not...

Some teachers are not really pleased with what has been accomplished, but believe that the theory is sound.

Career Center students are missing much more school than anyone else as a result of Early Release.

Some students think that it is nice to have a break; it gives time to people with busy schedules to accomplish more.

arlyRelease Students find a way to give back to the community

school year, students at Central High School had a new program added to their schedules. The program, called Early Release, was designed to give the every day student a chance to see what the working world is all about. Students were dismissed every other Wednesday at 1:10 while faculty and staff members participated in 21st century restructuring meetings. This year a new requirement was placed on the program. The state of Indiana,

During the 1992-1993 which funds the early release program, wanted the students at Central High School to be required to do some form of community service. Students had many different choices of community service to choose from, such as job shadowing, and tutoring at elementary schools throughout the community.

> Students viewed Early Release as a time to give back to the community as well as to take a break from all the stresses that high school can present.

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eauty And Unity Band

unity of the players to show all its beauty. One wrong key, and a song from Miss Saigon sounds like a beginner class in recorder-playing. To reach this necessary perfection, 120 musical School Music Association) Marching Band - give the Central.

Jazz, as well as marches interested student the posand symphonies, needs the sibility to specialize in personal preferences.

To be able to play in the band, the students have had lessons in their instruments for at least four years, many of them up to eight years. Though most of Central's Central students met every musicians owned their own day to work on their pieces instruments, larger equipand get ready for goals like ment like tubas and percusthe ISSMA (Indiana State sion sets could be rented from the school for a fee of State Contest. Subgroups of \$50 a year. This service guarthe band - Jazzband, Pep anteed that high quality Band, Symphonic and Con-music was available to evcert Band, Blazer Guard and ery interested student at

Barbara Perlich

Believe it or Not...

Almost one out of twelve students at Central is involved in band.

The Jazzband performed "Blues in Hoss Flat."

For \$50 a year students can rent their instrument from the school.

On a scale from 1 to 10 with 10 as the highest level, band performs on levels 8 to 10.



Symphonic Band (R1, left to right): Kim Olenczuk, Courtney Lockhart, Ronda White, Becky Saddler, Allie Vargo, Jenny Story, Sarah Wessel, Amanda Ropp (Row 2, Jenny Bushong, Nicole Burns, Brenda Rock, Kristy Nymeyer, Kristin DePaul, Cindy Leinbach, Pearl Mays, Scott Burger, Erin Ginther, Adam Rudin, Cary McClelland, Garrett Montgomery, Dawn Rohrer, Robin Rubino (Row 3,) Flindt Gobble, Nate Mickleson, Kim Cleveland, Stacy Lambdin, Verdona Higgins, Sam Thompson, Lori Schooley, Matt Kirts, Andy Hughes, Adam Barb, Danny Pfeiffer, Chris Stine, Greg Melchior, Kyna Morgan, Eric Long, Wayne Smith, Jeremy Thomas, Jeff Feddersen (Row 4,) Tammy Giggi, Teri Schwartz, Jamie Rogers, Jeff Carlson, Jason Meyer, Andrew Zinn, Aaron Ranschaert, Jared Simpson, Mr. Wayne Stubbs, Jeff Woodhull, Seth McCoy, Earl Smith

Photo by Lindahl Photography





Playing his trombone is senior Jeff Feddersen. Jeff started playing when he was in fourth grade. He said being in band means "meeting people who feel the same way I do."

Photo by Reid Mellott



Jazz Band (Row 1, left to right): Cary McClelland, Stacy Lambdin, Kim Cleveland, Flindt Gobble, Nate Mickelson (Row 2): Kim Lerner, Tammy Giggi, Wayne Smith, Jeff Feddersen, Jeremy Thomas, Eric Long, Jeff Woodhull (Row 3): Mr. Wayne Stubbs, Kyna Morgan, Greg Melchior, Dan Pfeiffer, Scott Webber, Earl Smith

Photo by Lindahl Photography



Concert Band (Row 1, left to right): Alison Hitt, Leslie Ostrom, Amy Poole, Katie Klabusich, Katie Lockhart, Sarah Shackelford, Jennifer Lee, Ali McNulty (Row2): Angie Seevers, Jay Weldy, Samantha Bucks, Lisa Bushong, Mikel Ropp, Tana Merryfield, Kellie Collins, Christy Baker, Mackenzie Hawley, Emily Bidelman, Julie Albrecht (Row 3): Kellie McCoy, Jalanda Willis, Scott Webber, Andy Gilbert, Chuck Queen, Yvonne McCaster, Steve Steinbicer, Adam Booth, Chris Mallers, Erica Thomas, Erica Cochran, Dave Hoyt, Patrick Berkshire, Richard Bridenstein, Wyatt Redding (Row 4): Jenni Randall, Gina Litty, Jenny Inbody, Chris Cubbernuss, Drake Tolliver, Mr. David Swihart

Photo by Lindahl Photography

Singing Out

Central Choirs Raise Their Voices

The pride of the choir division of the music department was the Blazer Boulevard Singers, (BBS) and Concert Choir. The director of both of the choirs is Mr. Dennis Phipps.

BBS is an all girls group, composed of mainly sophomores with a few of the other classes. This choir has existed for three years and was formed because of the overwhelming interest in the Concert Choir and not enough room for the students. Both choirs combine singing and choreography into their concerts and community programs.

The Concert Choir was combined with the Shades of Blue to form a performing group, which tours area clubs, schools, and the major concerts at Elkhart Central. This group is known as the Concert Choir. The Concert Choir was combined to allow more room for other scheduling.

To get in to these choirs each of the participants must audition each year. The boys and girls ninth grade choirs are considered the stepping stones to BBS and Concert Choir.

Jodi Kurtze

Believe it

or

Not...

Every year the Concert Choir recognizes their seniors in a special "Recognition of the Seniors" program.

The students in Concert Choir have spent a total of ten extra hours outside of school preparing for their Reflections in Blue concert.

The Concert Choir performs twenty performances for the community.



Concert Choir (sitting): Kelley Grafton, Carrie Burrell, Chevy O'Bryant, Wendy Noffsinger, Elizabeth Shelt, Leslie Artley. (Row 1): Cherish Pletcher, Christina Murchel, Amy Coddens, Elise Johnston, Megan Jackson, LaTonya Outlaw, Amanda Ropp, Sarah Clark, Tara Heflick, Kira Homo. (Row 2): Crystal Collins, Elizabeth Adamson, Darsha Maxon, Julie Fessenden, Amy Stamp, Rebecca Thayer, Lorna Schumaker. (Row 3): Lamar Conard, Nathan Padgett, Laura Brooks, Brian Paulen, Trent Jackson, Bryan Jones, Casey Clopton, Chris Haimbach, Amanda Kennedy, Lisa Mullins, Adam Barb, Joshua Gorce. (Row 4): Pat O'Connell, Chris Cozort, Todd Hill, Mike Kissell, Mike Troyer, Brian O'Connor, Ike Foust, Daniel Graves, Aaron Carris.

Photo by Lindahl Photography





Sophomore Todd Hill rocks to the music in Concert Choir, practicing the choreography and preparing for the spring Reflections in Blue concert.

Photo by Reid Mellott

In their ending pose to one of the songs, the Concert Choir practices with enthuasiam to show the audience their showmanship.

Photo by Reid Mellott





Blazer Boulevard Singers (Row 1): Katie Root, Elizabeth Elliott, Sarah Rodewald, Lindsay Kasten, Angie Cardoza, Heather Hoeppner, Shanna Reza.(Row 2): Jennifer Talmage, Drysha Kelly, Michelle McCaster, Denise Webb, Jamie Rosenogle, Barbara Blum, Kim Rich, Annika Arnold, Lekesha Sanders, Lashonda Furlow, Jameka Arnold. (Row 3): Cecily Janz, Shanda Olinger, Denise Jackson Shalean Gary, Kari Smaka, Annette McCaskey, Christy Taylor, Kacy Patterson, Pearl Mays, Krista Meden.

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(Below) Senior Erin Beehler practices her violin during Orchestra sixth hour. All of the members worked hard all year at memorizing music.

Photo by Reid Mellott

(At right) The Violin pictured is one of many different types of string instruments used in the Orchestra. The instruments have many sizes, but basically the same shape.

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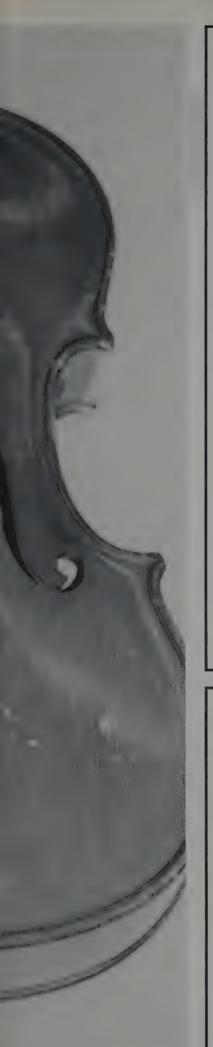






Senior members of Orchestra (left to right): Garrett Montgomery, Erin Ginther, Jenny Bushong, Jeff Feddersen, Jeremy Thomas, Earl Smith, Jenny Garber, Karol Kulesia, Damon Emgenbroich, Rayna Gellert, Erin Beehler, Jaime Roberts, Allison Fellicia, Lisa Menges, Beth Lawrence, Matt Loucks, Patricia Carter, Kim Lerner, Nicole Litty, Elizabeth Adamson, Gretchen Hinrichs, and Keith Thews

Photo by Lindahl Photography



Believe it or Not...

Mrs. Keeslar has been teaching Orchestra for 15 years at Central.

There are 65 members in Symphony Orchestra.

There are 21 members in Chamber Orchestra.

Central orchestras have ranked first in state contest seven times.

50% of the orchestra students study privately.

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Orchestra

"The best thing about orchestra is that everyone has fun when they are together," said Senior Beth Lawrence. Orchestra was busy this year with concerts, contests, and fund raisers. The director, Mrs. Keeslar, kept them busy rehearsing for their performances, including a festival with the orchestra from Memorial. They had other performances during the year including one for Christmas. In April, they were involved in a district contest with several schools including Concord, Memorial, and many others in northern

Indiana. They looked forward to going to state to compete at the beginning of May.

They sold candy bars, and also carnations for Valentine's Day. These fund raisers helped them raise money mainly to get their uniforms cleaned. Beth Lawrence played the viola for nine years. She said that contest made it all worth while. "Orchestra is an intellectual stimulus and a whole lot of fun," said Lawrence. "Go ahead and pluck those strings!"

Laura Brooks



Symphony Orchestra (Row 1, left to right): Rayna Gellert, Andrew Wu, Jaime Roberts, Missy Wagner, Melony Smith, Matt Loucks, Duwan Watson, Emma Breckenridge, Amy Sigsbee, Kim Lerner, Eric Hinrichs, and Elizabeth Adamson. (Row 2): Row: Melissa Losch, Annie Minninger, Shontale Bryant, Jaime Weaver, and Yolanda Barhams. (Row 3): Erica Cartwright, Damon Emgenbroich, Karol Kulesia, Kristin Cripe, Jenny Black, Lisa Menges, Amy Allen, Allison Fellicia, Jenny Yocum, and Patricia Carter. (Row 4): Jennifer Garber, Christina Murschel, Erin Beehler, Renee Row, Mrs. Keeslar, Erin Booth, Stacy Johnson, Nicole Litty, Beth Lawrence, Keith Thews, and Gretchen Hinrichs. (Row 5): Dawn Rohrer, Jenny Story, Amanda Ropp, and Brenda Rock. (Row 6): Kristy Nymeyer, Nicole Burns, Jenny Bushong, Erin Ginther, Adam Rudin, Cary McClelland, and Garrett Montgomery. (Row 7): Andrew Zinn, Daniel Pfeiffer, Greg Melchoir, Kyna Morgan, Jeff Fedderson, Jeremy Thomas, Jeff Woodhull, and Earl Smith.

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"Individuals" Jamie Arbuthnot

Every individual at Elkhart Central High School has their own impression that they wish to leave on teachers and peers.

On the first day of school on August 23 1993, many new students walked through the doors of Central, including the youngest members, the freshmen. Many mixed feelings of anticipation and anxiety filled the minds of these students. No one knew what to expect. Were the rumors about Central really true or were they just told to frighten the young students? Was it

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really so big compared to middle school? Could we expect tons and tons of homework every night? Freshman Jill Reed said, "It was ex-

citing. I was ready for something new, but I was a little nervous about not finding my class. Central is not at all like everyone said it would be."

Junior Genoris Crawford added, "School can be hard if you make it hard, but if you give it a chance, it will pay off in the long run."

Many students also realized that they would be leaving an impression as they left Central for the last time.

Senior Michael Millsaps said, "The impression I want to leave is that no matter what age, race or gender you are I will always be your friend. I would also like people to see me as someone who tries hard all the time."

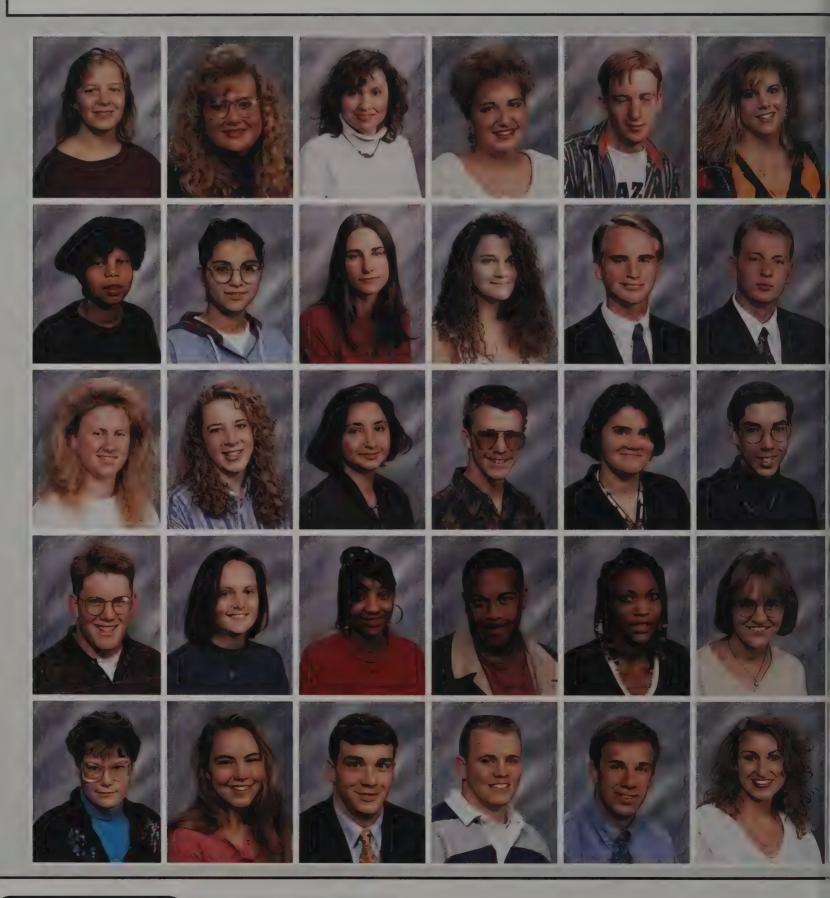
No matter what impression is left behind, everyone will have great memories of the 1993-1994 school year to look back upon.

Leaving An Impression

"Once a Blazer, Always a Blazer" sums up the impression that these homecoming students would like to leave on the Elkhart Community.

Photo by Russell Yoder

Class of 1994



"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams and live the life you have imagined." - Thoreau



Elizabeth Adamson Jennifer Anderson Jessica Arnold Leslie Artley Jay Askren Janis Avey Kara Baker Veronica Baltimore Stephanie Barringer

Delicia Baskin Anita Bautista Erin Beehler Kristina Begley Mark Benjamin Shayne Bennett Stacy Berkey Brian Bertrem Amanda Bidelman

Leslie Bienz
Lindsey Bierbaum
Olga Bitel
David Blough
Francesca Bogani
Scott Bowlby
John Bradley
Emma Breckenridge
Rebekah Bridenstein

Gabriel Bridger
Eve Briggs
Kimberly Britman
Dennis Brown
Nefertiti Bryant
Abby Burkett
Carrie Burrell
Jennifer Bushong
Ryan Cantzler

Patricia Carter
Willow Cataldo
Scott Chakan
Cecil Chipps
Jonathan Church
Kimberly Clark
Melissa Clark
Sarah Clark
Kimberly Cleveland

Advice to the underclassmen...

"Admit nothing, deny everything, demand proof!" Jeff Haradine

"Eat right, exercise, and make sure you get plenty of fluids." Joe Mishkin

"Take govenment in summer school." Dana Johnson

"Get used to the cafeteria food."

Nate Swift

"Be cool, stay in school; just say no." **Grant Knepper**

"Watch your back." **Seth Gamber**

"If you hear cops, drop your cider and run. The penny never fails!" Cindy Eppert

"Don't mess up and always do your best." Tara Duncan

Cathy Clifford Amy Coddens Crystal Collins Courtney Copley Lisa Courchene **Christopher Cozort** Tony Datena Patrick Davis Pauline Davis Mike Dees Raquel Deisenroth Charles Degeeter Florence Delafuente Kevin DeJong Tracy Dies Theresa Drust Tara Duncan Lynn Dunfee Matthew Duthie Damon Emgenbroich **Cindy Eppert** Jeffrey Feddersen Nikia Fernald Julie Fessenden Allison Fileccia Sara Forte Sean Frick Seth Gamber Jennifer Garber Kirkwood Garbett



Most missed-

"Undercover lunches with Missy and Hos. Just hittin' in . . . Brakes... yeah the brakes." Tara Helser

"Weekends with the senior buddies... and Stanger." Ryan Sfreddo

"Stupid 6 and 7 year seniors." Matt Walker

"Bear hunting with Tony, Ryan, Doug, Jon, and Jeff." **Joe Mishkin**

"The fresh smell of carcinogenic second hand smoke in the parking lot." **Chris Cozort**

"The wonderful S.S.P. (senior sleep period) time." Michael Lyon

"The gang, Missy, Tara H., Tara D., Kim C., Lisa, Sara F., Mandi R., Dana J., Joplin., and whoever else that I forgot." **Leslie Artley**

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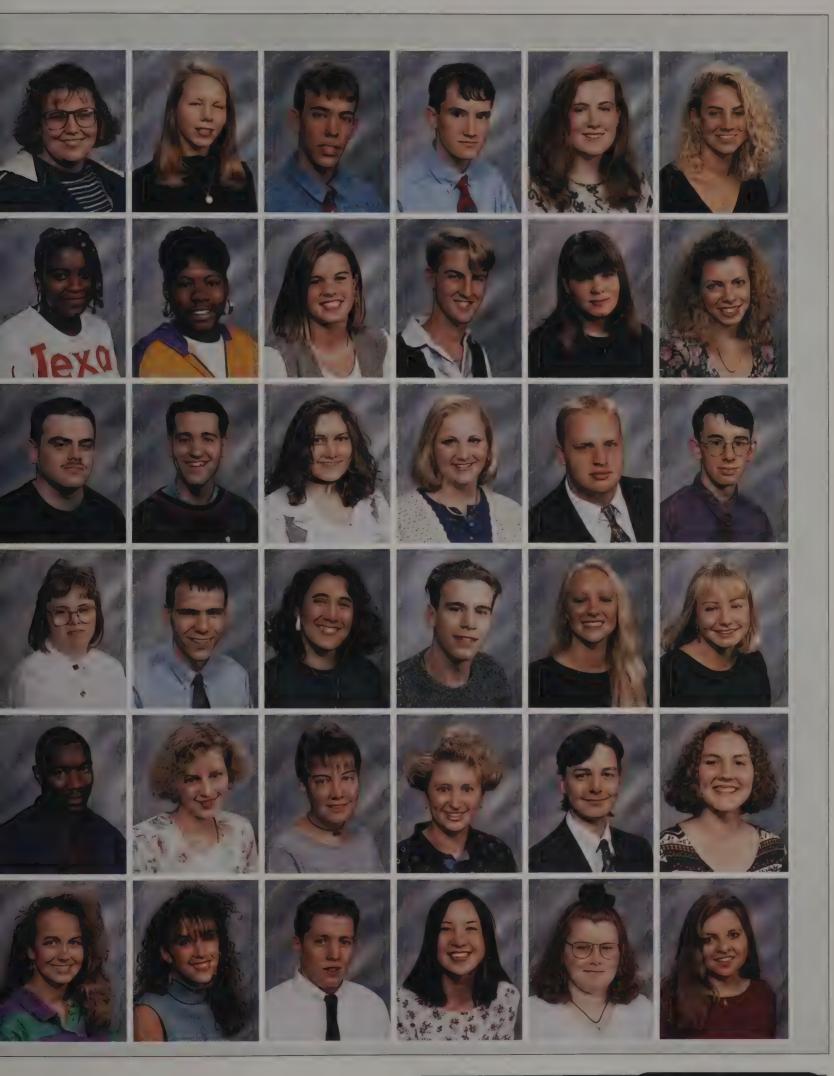
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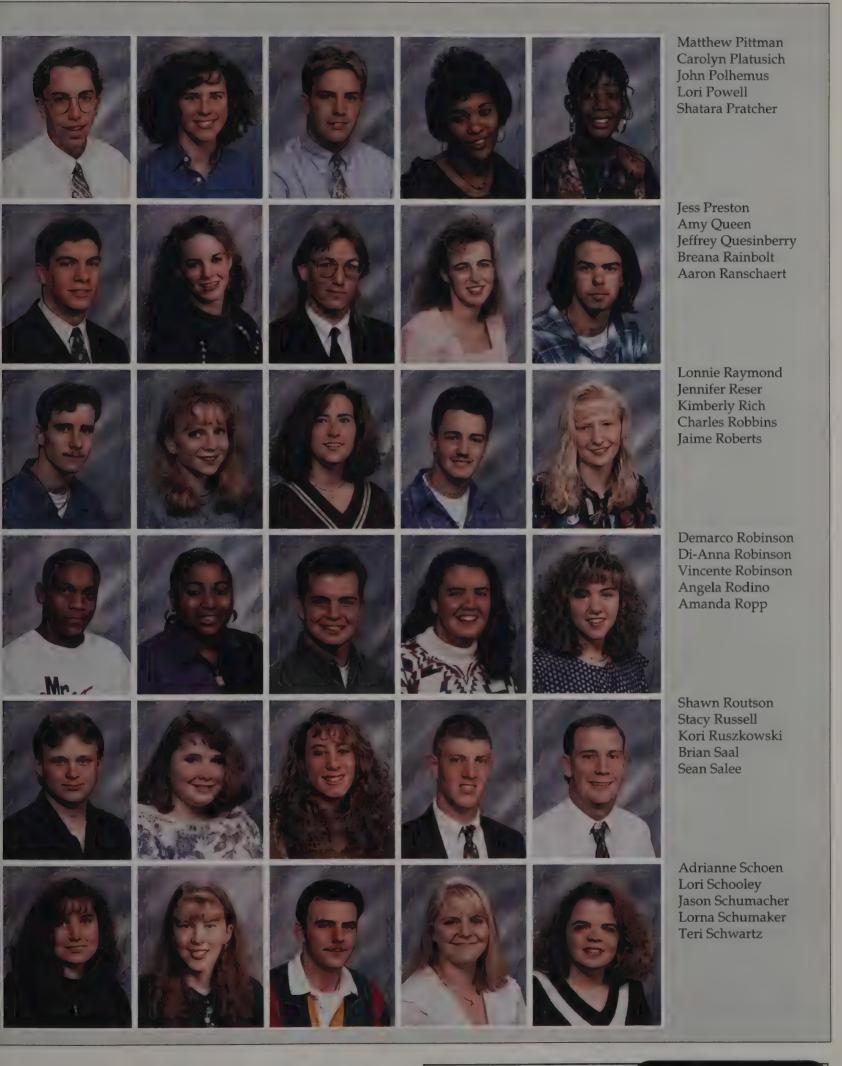
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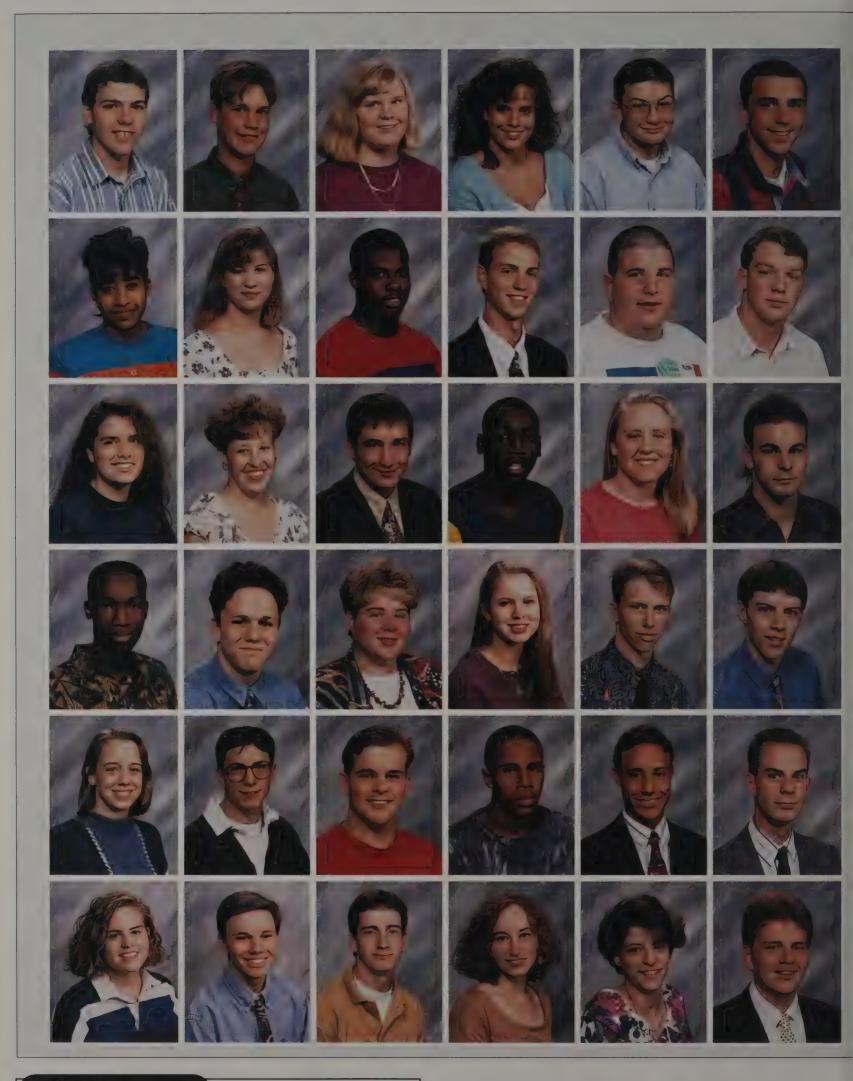
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Jason Seal Ryan Sfreddo Paula Shannon Elizabeth Shelt Vincent Sherck Craig Sherwood Jaime Shreiner Janelle Shriner Timothy Sigsbee

Rebeca Silva Rebekah Simmons Jerry Slack Ryan Smaka Earl Smith Matthew Smole Michelle Smolinski Jennifer Sotebeer Jason Stabler

Melanie Stevens Lisa Swartzell Nathan Swift Demarco Taylor Shirley Taylor Keith Templeton Pepe Thais Keith Thews Jeremy Thomas

Myron Thomas
Samuel Thompson
Amy Tice
Amy Todd
David Trout
Dustin Wait
Matthew Walker
Richard Walter
Jennifer Watson

Roxanne White Matt Weise Christopher Wilkins James Williams Jeffrey Williams Ryan Williams Sherri Williams Christopher Willsey Darryl Wilson

Karen Windbigler David Winegar Jason Witt Celeste Wolfinger Amanda Woolwine Russell Yoder Rachael Zarria Amand Zurek

What Would You Do With a Million Dollars?...

"I would buy
the bats that were
stolen from the softball
team right before
sectionals
last year."
Cindy Eppert

"Buy a one way ticket
to the
Virgin Islands
and send postcards
to my enemies
daily."
Liz Shelt

"Bribe Mr. Rossi for an "A" in Calculas." Nolan Keck

"Buy a beach house and sit on the oceanside drinking margueritas and listening to Jimmy Buffet." Lisa Mullins

> "I would fly to Venezuela." Sean Salee

"Buy Salee some hair!"
Steve Gress

"Live on the beach, have a good time, and really live life like it should be lived." Chris Johnson

Class of 1995



"Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration." -Edison



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Kristi Banter Clayton Barclay Victoria Bartley Jeremy Basham Wayne Beale Joseph Becker Jeffrey Beelaert Lindsay Benko Travis Bigler

Benjamin Birkey Christopher Bissell David Black Jason Blandford John Bloch Dawn Bloss **Edward Bloss** Erin Booth Michelle Bradbury

Tiffani Branson **Christopher Brooks** Laura Brooks Curneak Brown Jennifer Brown Jill Campbell Ion Campbell Blanca Cardoso Aaron Carris

Erica Cartwright Matthew Cawley Frederick Church Adam Clerc Kaharri Clopton Carrie Cloud **Jeremy Cloud** Somorrow Coleman Lamar Conard

What is one thing you hope will happen in your life?

"Alien monsters from **Jupiter** will come back to get me and tell me I was left on Earth by mistake."

Alicia Anderson

"I will become a stronger person on the inside and won't be easily hurt or let down." Kim Woodworth

"I hope I graduate" Dasha Groff

"I hope to become tremendously rich and give to the poor." Jeremy McCord

"That nothing bad ever happens to me or my inner self because I'm a very sensitive person."

Jameka Redmond

"Death because I heard it was quite an experience."

What planet
would you
like to
live on
and why?

"Earth.
It looks peaceful
from
up there."
Brice Petgen

"Saturn. Maybe there is life on other planets." **Chrissy Murschel**

"Mercury to get a good tan!!" **Jenny Story**

"Earth that's where all the women are." **Adrian Graber**

"Pluto because it's cold.
I like cold.
Huh,huh,huh,huh,huh.
I like cold."
Dan Pfeiffer

"Mars.
They have candy bars."
Susan Diediker

"Mars to find out if there are really martians." **Madrina Williams**

"Any planet- to get away from all of these crazy earthlings." Regan Sproatt Carla Cook
Phillip Cooper
Albert Cox
Mollie Cunningham
Benjamin Current
William DeHaven
Susan Diediker
Megan Dierickx
Brian Dilday

Korby Duddy
Justin Eads
Lynee Edson
Chad Edwards
Eric Eggleston
Elizabeth Elliot
Mark Ermis
Amber Ernsberger
Andrew Eymer

Heather Ferrell Kimberly Freshour Scott Freshour Kristin Fruchey Lashonda Furlow Jason Gary Rodney Gawthrop Phillip Gibson Quentin Gibson

Tammy Giggy Christopher Glick Flindt Gobble Joshua Gorce Adrian Graber Jason Graff Kelley Grafton Andra Grant Christine Gregory

Dawon Griffin
Dasha Groff
Marty Grove
Angela Gunden
Christopher Haimbach
Stephanie Hankins
Jessica Hann
Heather Hannah
Ben Harris

Lori Hauger
Jeffrey Hedman
Pamela Heerschop
Anthony Henderson
Brian Henderson
Howard Herrick
Verdona Higgins
Amanda Hinrichs
Kira Homo





If you had a choice of anyone, who would you have dinner with?

> "Anyone who's paying." **Ben Larson**

"Superman." **Jamie Rogers**

"Mel Gibson, because he is gorgeous." **Tammy Giggy**

"Pee Wee Herman. He is gay, so I wouldn't have to worry about going back to his place." **Dawn Ickes**

"Bob Marley - if he were alive." **Brian Dilday**

"Grandparents, because they bring gifts." Steve Wieringa

"Beethoven, actually I don't know why, he couldn't hear me anyway." Darsha Maxson

"My brother, so that he could finally pay me back." Dan Pfeiffer

> "Madonna." **Autumn Wirth**

Aisha Honorable Sarah Horvath Melissa Hosler Steven Howard Josette Hughes Miesha Hunt Robert Hunt

Christopher Hutchison Dawn Ickes Eric Irions Michael Izak Philip Izak **Emily Jansen** Brett Jellison

> Michelle Johnson Stacy Johnson Jacob Jourdan Jennifer Kaufman Jessica Keltner Kealy Kemery Amy Kershner

Darcella Kettering Nina Khailo Angela Kidder Elizabeth Kiefer Richard Kocielko Kristin Kubasiak Toni Langon

Dawn Larkins Benjamin Larson Karen Larson **Curtis Lasley** Angel Lee Thomas Leer Jessica Leers

Benjamin Lefever Cindy Leinbach Robert Lightner Denise Lochmandy Courtney Lockhart Tricia Lockwood Julia Longbrake



























What do you plan on getting out of your Senior year?

"To get the proper education I need to have in the future." Toni Langon

> "Out of HERE!" **Christine Gregory**

"Hopefully a Diploma." Frank Serge

"A lot of fun, graduate & go to a good college." Maggie Topolski

"More than I got out of the last 12 years." Catherine Miller

"Closer friendships." Erin Booth

"A good education, and some experiences that will help me prepare for college, and a career." **Becca Thayer**

"Fun and Excitement." Adam Rudin

> "A scholarship." **Casey Clopton**

"One WIN against Penn!!" **Amber Ernsberger**

> "Party" **Aaron Carris**

Where is your favorite place to go and why?

"Work - because I get paid." Matt Row

"My room - because it is quiet." Nathan Padgett

"ECHS - because of the warm reception I receive everyday from my friends, fellow students and faculty." Kelley Grafton

"Taco Bell - so I don't starve." Adam Vaillancourt

"Hollywood" Chris O'Brien

"Florida - because that is where Disney World is." Ben Lefever

"Freers - because I like their food." Maggie Topolski

"Hawaii - my problems are left behind me. It's a neutral place of solitude." Chrissy Murschel Tina Lott
Cynthia Lyon
Chauntay Mack
Ayanna Martin
Nicole Mattei
Darsha Maxson
Jacob Mazurek
Shigeko McCarey
Larry McCaskill

Michell McCaster Cary McClelland Jeremy McCord Tashonda McDaniel Krista Meden Christina Medford Jeremy Mellinger Reid Mellott Blair Melvin

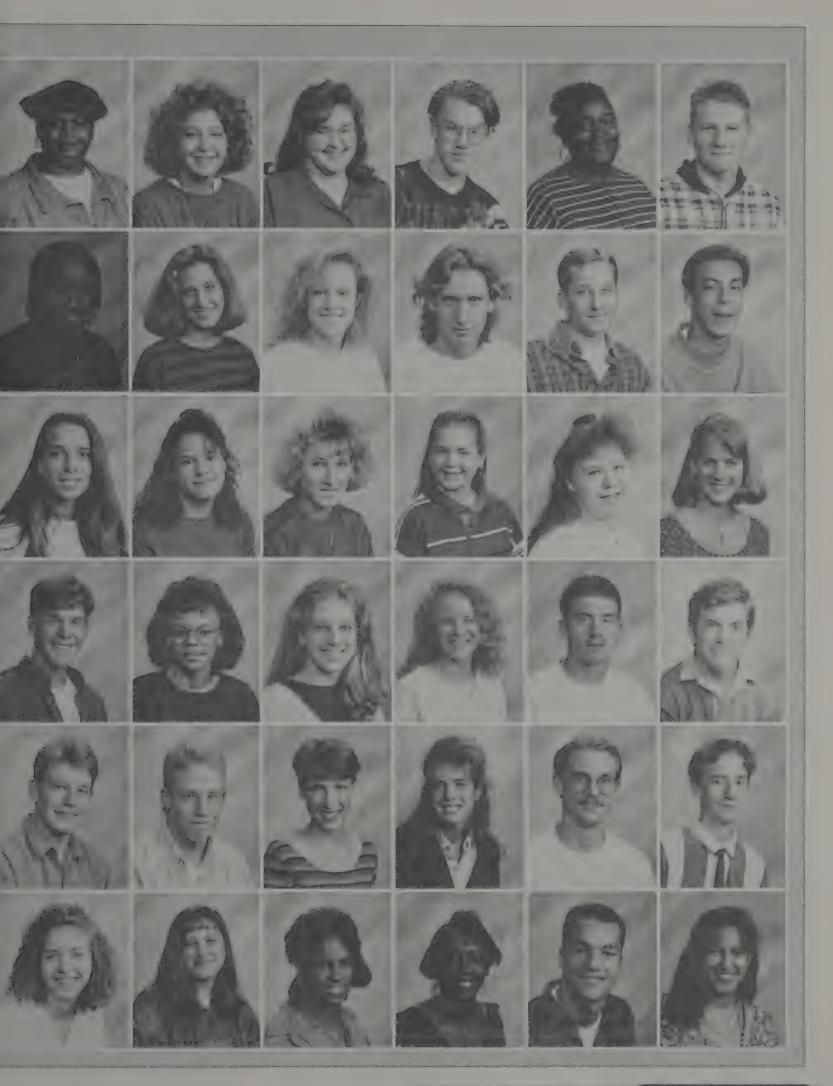
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Nancy Nix
Jaime Neice
Christopher O'Brien
Brian O'Connor

Kimberly Olenczuk
LaTonya Outlaw
Nathan Padgett
Andrew Paris
Chad Parnin
Kacy Patterson
Melissa Patterson
Robert Paulsen
Brice Petgen

Daniel Pfeiffer Melissa Pietrzak Tara Poyser Brigette Przybyla Ann Pulliam Jameka Redmond Cindy Reeves Nathan Riddle Erica Ridley





What do you think is the best thing about Central?

"That I'll be out in another year. And the guys." **Madrina Williams**

> "The art department." **Regan Sproatt**

"Me, because without me no one would be happy or would like to come to school." Jameka Redmond

"Our color coordinated lockers for the freshman." Jeremy McCord

"The drama department.(Do you need an explanation for everything?!)" **Ben Current**

"The best thing about Central is the library, because its smart and has all the answers."

Kim Woodworth

" My friends and some teachers. They give me a reason to come to school."

Dawn Ickes

Anthony Roberts Charles Roberts Farah Robinson **Jamal Robinson** Brenda Rock Sarah Rodewald Jeffrey Rodino

Jamie Rogers Yalonda Rorie Matthew Row Renee Row Mario Rowland Robin Rubino Adam Rudin

Sunshine Russell Rebekah Saddler **Jamie Sassaman April Schooley** Josh Schooley James Schwarz Wesley Searer

Frank Serge Nicholas Shannon **Brian Shelton Jessica Shultz** Jared Simpson Melony Smith Sara Smith

Regan Sproatt Patrizia Staltari Erin Stamper **Timothy Stauffer** Scott Steede Wesley Steffen Michelle Stewart

Christopher Stine Jennifer Story Michael Stutsman Michelle Stutsman **Rethy Subramana** Ryan Swartz Karen Sweezy

































Who do you look up to the most and why?

"Ms. Menzel, because she was the only teacher who has actually helped me out. She has taught me how to get through my tough classes. My parents because they're smarter than what we think they are. " Darsha Maxson

"No one, I just look up." Steve Wieringa

"Wonder Woman she kicks butt!" **Autumn Wirth**

" (Mr. Sellers) - Discipline, Discipline, Discipline." Frank Serge

"My sister. She is successful and I love her."

Tammy Giggy

"David Artley - he's so tall." **Ben Larson**

"Herman - because he is cool."

Dasha Groff

" Most people because I'm short." Chris Haimbach

What is your feeling about violence?

"I hate it." Jamie Murphey

"Bloodstains are a pain to get out of clothing." **Kelley Grafton**

" It's not worth it!" **Nathan Padgett**

"They should plant more of those kind of flowers." **Howard Herrick**

" It's OK if you're defending yourself in the right way." Calbrina Ward

"Violence is getting out of hand. I blame it on the media, our corrupting society, and parents who don't care." Sarah Wessel

"Violence is immature. Let's grow up and find other ways to solve our problems."

Amber Ernsberger

"I don't think it is really necessary, it just causes a bigger problem." **Becca Thayer**

Rebecca Thaver Michelle Thomas **Christy Tidd** Michelle Toliver Margaret Topolski Michael Troyer Jennifer Tucker

Adrienne Turner William Tweedy Armando Ubario Adam Vaillancourt Algerita Van Norman Lisa Wagler Jennifer Wagner

> Sara Walker Calbrina Ward Randy Warman Jonathan Watson **Brandon Watts** Amanda Weaver Nathan Weaver

> Lisa Werbianskyj Chad Werker Sarah Wessel **Anthony White** Dolly White Ronda White Steve Wieringa

> Kyllan Winkler Autumn Wirth Jennifer Wirtz Jeffrey Woodhull Chad Woods Tramell Woods Andrew Wu

Jennifer Yocum Megan Yoder Angela Young Andrew Zinn





If you were granted 3 wishes, what would they be?

"A million dollars, a sports car, a hot looking big muscle guy." Catherine Miller

" Money, power, more wishes." **Aaron Carris**

" A cure for AIDS, a new snowboard, and my own mountain." Brian Dilday

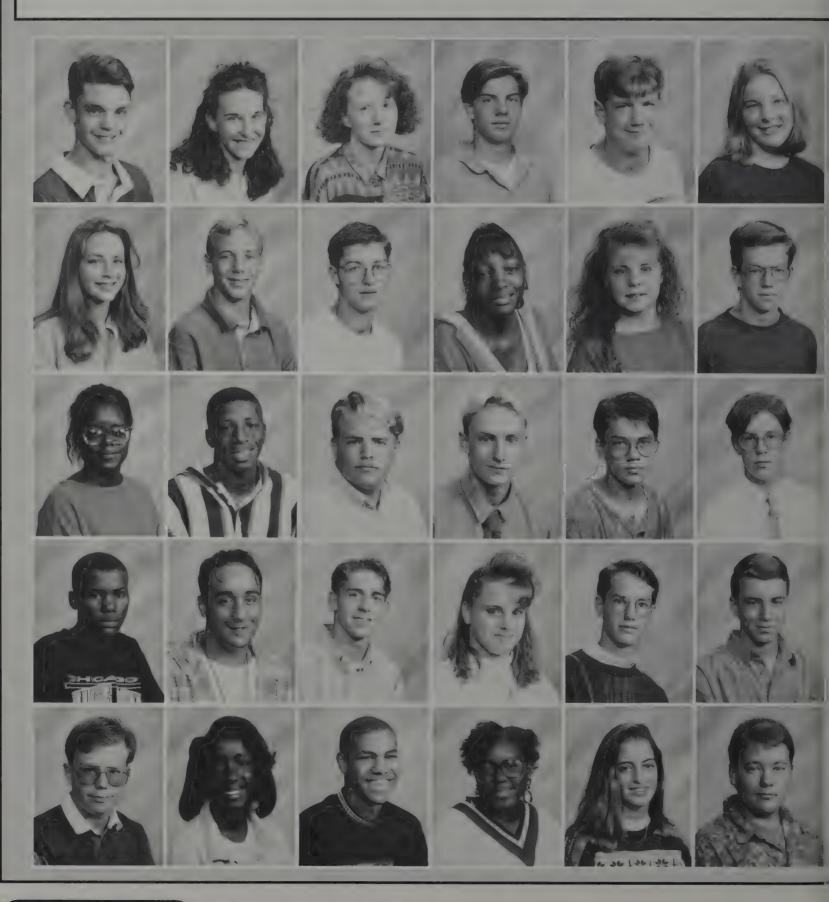
"To live a happy future, never have to scrounge for money, get along with my parents." **Jenny Story**

"Win the lottery, be a movie star, marry Michael Jordan." Toni Langon

" A 1959 corvette, 75 billion dollars, 1 million more wishes." **Brice Petgen**

"To win the lottery, marry a rich man, and live in a little house on a hill with a picket fence." Alicia Anderson

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"By nature, men are nearly alike: by practice, they get to be wide apart.." - Confucius



Jeremy Adams
Amy Allen
Michelle Allman
Jason Alwine
Clint Anderson
Jessica Anderson
Joel Anderson
William Anderson
Jamie Arbuthnot

Leah Bachman Andrew Bailey Gregory Bailey" Monica Ball Lora Baltimore Adam Barb Jason Barfell Justin Barfell Sryeeta Barham

Yolanda Barham Adrian Barhams Rickie Beasley Damian Beauchamp Curtis Bentley Andrew Berkey David Berkey Jennifer Black Curtis Bonds

William Bonds
Joshua Borden
Justin Bowers
Elizabeth Bowyer
Adam Boyn
Lucas Braddock
David Briggs
Alan Brink
Monica Brooks

Andrew Brown Tavara Brown Robert Bryant Shontale Bryant Ryan Buchanan Scott Burger Nicole Burns Kevin Byrket Tina Caldwell Would you be ugly if it meant you could live for 1000 years?

"No, because I'd have no life." **Stacy Cooper**

"No, because I don't want to watch this world destroy itself and watch my family and friends die."

Carolyn Freese

"No, because I'd have so many wrinkles that I'd look like a shriveled up prune (they smell too --Peuu-u)." Joel Anderson

"Yes, life stinks as it is!"

Randy Warman

"No, because the world's already shrewd, why stay and see it get worse."

Dryscha Kelly

"Yes, so I could learn more." Cecily Janz

Would you use a vandon doll?

"I would use it on all politicians because they are morons." Chris Meibever

"No, I don't believe in that stuff." Jon Robinson

"Yes...on me. I'd make myself get up in the middle of class and walk out!" J.R. Bryant

"Yes, Ross Perot because he thinks he's the best thing on this earth; God's gift to man." Denise Jackson

"Yeah, I want revenge. I'd use it on Nathan Sailor by making him go without flossing for a couple days!" **Courtney Treiber**

"Yes, on anyone and everyone!" Tom Newman

"Yeah, I'd use it on Andy Bailey because he needs some serious pain." **Katie Root**

Neil Campbell Jennifer Canen Angela Cardoza Jeffrey Carlson **Christopher Carris Gregory Carter** Holly Casey Eric Coleman **Emily Compton**

> Elvis Conard **Andrew Conkey Amy Cooper Christy Cooper** Stacy Cooper Laura Cormican John Courchene Kristin Cripe Scott Criss

Christopher Cubbernuss Benjamin Cutler Michael Deeley Connie Dees Amanda DeHaven Florence Delafuente Kristen DePaul Erica Dodd Jill Doty

> Jason Dunker **Jason Dyer** Daniel Edwards Matthew Edwards Michael Eldridge Benjamin Elijah Michael Emeigh **Shane Estes** Carlos Esteves

> > Sarah Estrup Angela Everett Ben Fager **Ebony Fayne** Sean Ferguson **Jacob Fields** Michael Fitch Scott Fitch Theresa Flovd

Carlton Forbes **Isaac Foust** Tara Frankenberger Carolyn Freese Erica Frost Tamara Frost Adam Fuller Todd Garber Shalean Gary





How much \$\$\$ would it take for you to walk down a busy downtown street completely naked ...

"Heck no, I can't even look at myself naked!" Cecily Janz

"It would depend on how my day was going, but if I did it would be for 6 million dollars." Lora Baltimore

"No! The Holy Queen says it's not money that is the root of all evil, but the love of money that is the root of all evil." Niega A. Arisece

"Yes, I'd do it for \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000!" Tom Atwood

"Sure, for 50 cents!" **Gavin Simpson**

"Heck Yeah!! I'd do it for 999,999.99 dollars." **Stacey Cooper**

"I don't know, maybe, for about 20 bucks."

Matt Lousieau

Carmen Gates **Iuanita Gates** Nicholas Genovese **Ryane Gentry** Paul Germain Kristopher Gest Jeanette Gibson Alissa Goshorn Matthew Grathen

Eric Gregory Terry Groves Crystal Grubbs Leonard Gullotta Anil Gupta Katie Gwin Harland Haines Richard Hampshire Christopher Harris

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Lori Hess Todd Hill Andrew Hoag Heather Hoeppner Brandi Hohman Bryan Holdeman Alicia Holdread Leesa Holdread Latanza Holman

Kimyon Holt Joshua Hostetler **Andrew Hughes** Michael Ickes Vixay Inthivong Jason Irelan Andrea Jackson Denise Jackson Dennis Jackson

Duaine Jackson Timothy Jackson Trent Jackson Cecily Janz William Johnson Maxin Johnston Timmy Jones Latasha Jordan Lisa Jorgenson Miriam Juhasz





What if you found a dead cockroach in your salad...

"I would be very polite and give it to the dog under the table. If they didn't have a dog I'd probably set fire to my salad." Cecily Janz

"I would tell them and never eat at their house again." Cletia Williams

"I'd scream, yell, go throw it away, and probably not eat very much more." **Lindsay Kasten**

"I would carefully wrap it up in a napkin and cautiously continue on with the meal." Nikki Sevrey

"I would probably eat it!" **Julie Simmons**

"I'd stiffle a scream and then point it out to my friend." Tina Walls

"I would leave it in the salad and say I'm full." Gerri Hernandez

Nicholas Kantz Lindsay Kasten Shabrena Kellybrew Dryscha Kelly Elizabeth Kern Tammie Kery Shane Kibbe Richard Kimes Christopher Kinsey

Matthew Kirts William Kleckner Gabriel Klemm Jay Klonowski Praseth Kong Heather Labrum **Jason Lantz** Jonathan Leazenby April Lemon

Carmela Lewis **Jason Lillard** David Lindzy Eric Long Robert Lonie Melissa Losch Matthew Louiseau Michale Love **Stoney Lutes**

Jamie Mabie **Anthony Machin** Belinda Macky **Brooke Marks** Joel Marks Steve Martin Steven Mason Jessica May Rachel May

Pearl Mays Annette McCaskey Eric McClane Brent McClellan Darnisha McGhee Jakiya McKnight Daniel McNulty Maureen Meagher Tom Meert

Christopher Meibeyer Gregory Melchoir Bruce Merrill Steven Merrill Heather Messick Don Meyers Nathan Mickelson Amanda Miller Benjamin Miller





You're trying out a new beach and it turns out to be a nude beach, what do you do?

"I'd stay. Who knows, if the mood struck me ...well!" **Lindsay Kasten**

"I would not stay. I would leave." **Dennis Jackson**

"I would swim without it, as long as there were a lot of women." Ben Elijah

"Yes, I would stay, but I wouldn't swim because that might be embarassing!" **Paul Vescihy**

"Yes. It depends on if I was feeling frisky that day!" Tina Walls

"I would stay, but I'd keep my trunks on. Let's just say, it'd be more comfortable." Myron Donaldson

"Of course I would stay. It would be rather interesting." **Stacy Cooper**

Dan Miller Irish Miller Nathan Miller Rory Miller Annie Mininger Jorge Montero Michael Morford Kyna Morgan Heather Morse

Dawn Moutria Shane Mover **Justina Mumaw** Neal Nance Shawn New **Jason Newman** Thomas New man Shawn Nofziger Jessica Norton

Kristy Nymeyer Andrew O'Brien Patrick O'Connell Richard Orona Michael Oswalt Sherri Ott Wayne Owensby Courtney Papa Tammy Parcell

Troy Patten Timothy Paulsen **Angel Pease** Samuel Pease Ryan Peffley Jennifer Pepper Ronald Pittman Alexandra Platusich Elizabeth Poe

> Patrick Polhemus Stephanie Powers Tiffany Price **Ioshua** Proffitt Douglas Rabbitt Fabiola Ramos Jennifer Randall Shannon Rasch Sheila Redden

Eric Reeves Jimmy Reeves Ria Replogle Corey Rex Shanna Reza Robert Richardson Marissa Riley **Jason Roberts** Jon Robinson





If you could get a tattoo, where would it be and what would it be of ...

"Yeah, on my ankle, a flower."

Courtney Treiber

"Yes, it would be a tattoo of death on my arm."

Ben Elijah

"Yes, a dollar sign (\$) on my butt." **Andy Bailey**

"Yes, the Tazmanian Devil on my arm." Jeremy McBride

"Yes, a cupid with it's arrow on my back shoulder blade." **Denise Jackson**

"Yes, Jim Morrison on my butt." Tom Atwood

"Yes, I would get a butterfly on the corner of my back." **Katie Root**

"Yes, I would get one. It would be of a man in a speedo and it would be on my left upper chest." Gerri Hernandez

Jeremy Roby Dawn Rohrer Katie Root Adam Roscoe Jamie Rosenogle Tonya Ross Nathan Sailor Dewayne Sanders Lakesha Sanders

Ashley Schlegelmilch Erik Schmidt Bethanie Schrock Ivan Schrock Andrea Sdano Nicole Sevrey Shanna Sheline Amy Sigsbee Stephanie Sigsbee

Saengthein Simaraks **Julie Simmons Ryan Simmons** Gavin Simpson Cindy Slagle Michael Slessman Amy Smith April Smith David Smith

> **Jason Smith** Ryan Smith Wayne Smith Vickie Snipes Phaly So **Devon Spicher** Miranda Spicher **Amy Stamp** Stephanie Stauffer

> Brian Steinbicer **Grant Stockford Christopher Stone David Stout** Jessica Stroup Veronica Stutz Rose Swanke Jennifer Talmage **Christy Taylor**

Stevie Taylor Summer Taylor Syreeta Taylor Carrie Thomas Adam Thompson Erica Thomas Jennifer Toth Courtney Treiber **Jessica Try**





Would you be willing to eat a live bowl of crickets for \$40,000?

"Heck yeah, I am hungry." **Randy Warman**

"Yes,
I will eat
anything."
Todd Garber

"Of course.
More protein."
Tom Newman

"Sure, if they are chocolate coated."

James Huffman

"Only if they were fresh crickets with taco sauce." Karen Ferguson

"Are you kidding?
Wait. Give me some
barbeque sauce and
I'll think about it."
Cecily Janz

"Why yes, I think I would." **Julie Simmons**

"No, that is just too gross." Courtney Treiber Allison Vargo Evelyn Villalba Aaron Volheim Jessica Wagers Debrah Wagner Melissa Wagner Justina Walls Brandy Warren Dwuan Watson

Erica Weaver
Jamie Weaver
Hurtlena Webb
Michael Wegmann
Veronica Weiss
Andrew Whalen
Kyle White
Beth Widomski
Dallas Willey

Cletia Williams
Jonathan Williams
Mark Wimberly
Christopher Wingard
Cari Witcher
Lisa Wolfe
Teka Wolfe
Kimberly Woodworth
Stephanie Wyatt

Troy Wyatt Crystal Yonkers Shelly Yost James Young James Ziegler





The sophomore class put a lot of hard work and time into their Homecoming float that won a spirit point for the class. Unfortunately, the Blazers were unable to "Spook the Kingsmen" and end their winning streak.

Photo by Reid Mellott

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"There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in."- Graham Greene



Jason Ackley Juan Aguilar Julia Albrecht Tervonda Allen Brandy Alvarado John Anderson Latosha Andrews Nick Augustine **Brandon Avery**

Monica Bailey Shanika Bailey Aisha Baker **Christy Baker** Lameka Baker Brian Balveat Marlon Banks Thomas Barclay Tavario Baskin

Evening Bautista Maria Beachy Desiree Beauchamp Kristen Becker Seth Beckwith **Tason Beelaert** Aviance Bell Blake Beltz Stephanie Bendzunas

Renee Benjamin Jennifer Bennett Lesley Benko Patrick Berkshire John Bertram Elizabeth Biddlecome **Emily Bidleman** Domini Billings Velishea Billings

Marty Bishop William Bissell Leanne Bissell Micheal Black Bradley Blandford Jarvis Bloch Adam Booth Jason Borgaard **Gary Botts**

What was the worst thing that you thought was going to happen the first day at Central?

"Fall down the stairs, and rip a hole in my pants." **Gina Litty**

"I thought my dad would embarass me." **Amy Krouse**

"That I was going to get beat up." **Brad Copeland**

"I wouldn't find my classes; I would have to ask the only person that I could find, and it would end up being some drop dead gorgeous guy."

Nadia Charguia

"That I would get lost and not be able to find where I started." Elizabeth Oyer

What is the one thing that you would change about Central?

"The colored halls and tacky decorting." Elizabeth Oyer

> "Have a longer lunch hour." **Alison Hitt**

"Have less violence." **Leslie Ostrom**

> "Get rid of SSP!" **Jaci Keltner**

"That freshmen make all sports teams." **Chrissi Molitor**

"I don't know- one of the stupid rules." **Jessica Bradley**

"No more debates about closed lunch and 4-7 period days." **Gina Litty**

"Fire the lady at the end of the bench." Kari Smaka

"I would get rid of all the violence." Malaika Homo

"I would have two Blazer carts." Alyssa Wright

Courtney Bowers Brindel Bowlin Jerry Bracken **Jessica Bradley Justin Bradshaw** Shana Bradshaw **Brandy Brady** Richard Bridenstein Markus Bridges

> Andrea Briggs Donald Brown Shawn Brown Tara Browning John Bryan Sarah Bryant Samantha Bucks Melissa Burrell Lisa Bushong

Kevin Cantzler Otis Carr Paul Casselman Nadia Charguia Rhiannon Checchio Kelly Chisholm Derek Clark Erin Clark John Clark

Ryan Clark Erica Clerc Erica Cochran Crystal Cohen Tyrus Coleman Kellie Collins Thomas Copeland Carrah Copley Richard Coughenour

> Steven Creal Raymond Cudney Stacie Current Natalie Daron Nicholas Davis Renee Davis William Davis Zanetta Davis **Chasity Defore**

Julio Delacruz Jennifer Denman Leslie Devos Michael Dotlich Angela Douglas Matthew Elliott Bevin Elliott Jerry Edwards Mindy Edman





What is the worst torture that you could imagine?

"Not being able to see my family and friends." Natalie Daron

"Being put behind a glass wall with naked girls on the other side." Philip Seaver

"Getting water dropped on your forehead one drop at a time."

Rebecca Lintjer

"Putting someone on fire."

Tamara Shepherd

"Being frozen to death." **Leah Plank**

"Having a bad hair day." **Jaci Keltner**

"Letting the seniors do anything to the freshmen."

Joanna Haimbach

"Never moving away from my parents." Renee Benjamin Joshua Eby Timothy Eash Katherine Fackelman Christopher Fashbaugh Misty Fausnaugh Jessica Faust Dana Fessenden Tracy Fields Angela Flamion

Brent Foland
Chris Ford
Misty Fox
Stannette Fox
Dan Franklin
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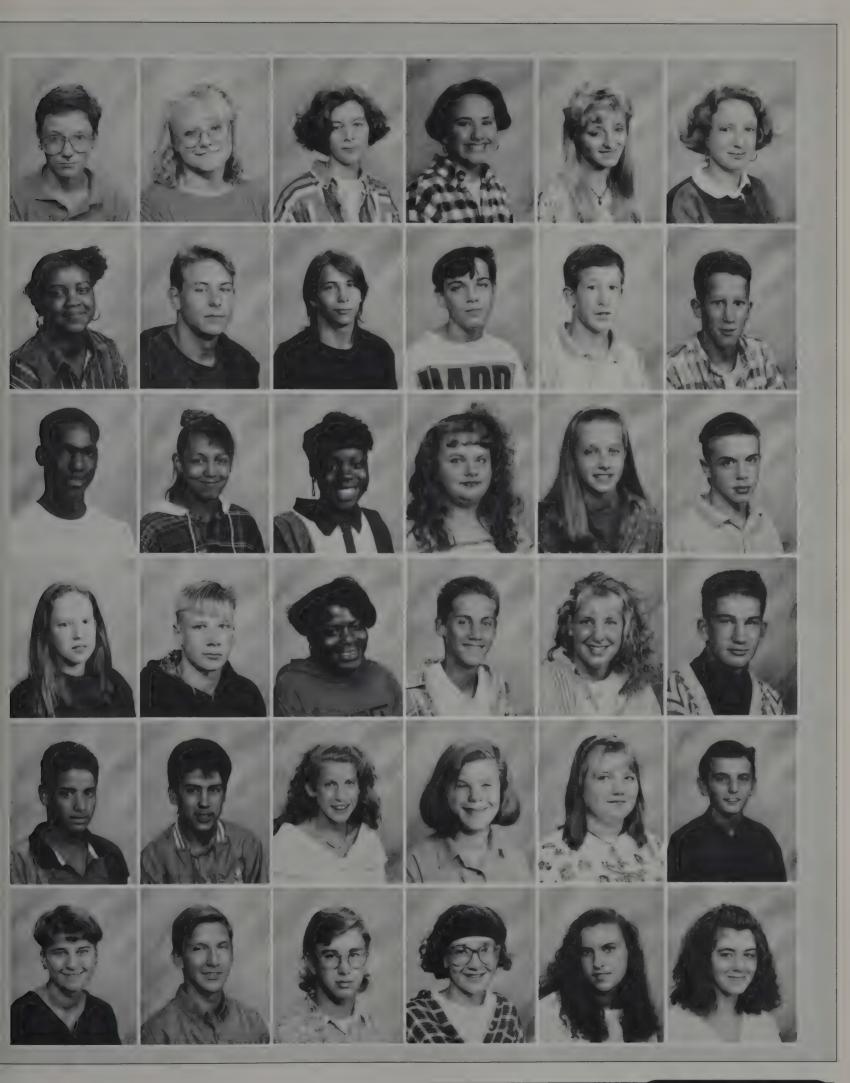
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Shannon Harris
Heather Harvell
Alan Hauger
Terran Havlish
Mackenzie Hawley
Lynn Henderson
Sadie Herman





What would be the perfect evening for you?

"Having no school the next day." **Brad Copeland**

"Having a whole beach and Christian Slater all to myself." Nadia Charguia

"Going to New York to have an expensive dinner, then a broadway play, and then up to a cliff to see the town." Alyssa Wright

"Winning a trillion dollars!" **Greg Smith**

"Going on a date to the mall with a lot of money to spend." **Leslie Ostrom**

" A night on the beach with Andrew Shue." Kari Smaka

"My date picking me up, giving me roses, and going out to dinner."

Amanda Smeltzer

"An evening with my boyfriend, whom I love."

Tara Manno

Lori Herrick Angela Hershberger Shawn Hess Darrell Higgins Corrie Hill David Hinkel **Rvan Hinton** Alison Hitt Robert Holdread

> Tony Holley Curtis Holt Malaika Homo John Hook Peter Hopman Brandi Hout Haely Howard David Hoyt Tiffany Hughes

Josh Hollinger **Iill Hunsberger** Marci Hunt Maria Illescas Jennifer Inbody **Aaron Irions** Nakeyma Ivery Dennis Jackson Kelley Jackson

Andrew James Stephen Janzen William Jarowyi Paige Iellison Chelsea Jensen Shannon Jester Patrick Johnsen Melinda Johnson Tonia Johnson

Michael Jones Rebecca Iones Joseph Jourdan Allyson Keith Angela Kelly Jaclyn Keltner Michael Kershner Ericka Kimbrough Lytrenda King

Jordan Kirk Katie Klabusich Brandon Kleckner Cassandra Kleitz Ryan Knight Nicole Knoll Zachary Knoll Bryan Krallman Nichole Krause





If you wanted to look sexy. how would you dress ?

> "In a G-string." Philip Seaver

"I would dress like Steve Urkel." **Rick Morris**

> "Anything comfortable." Tara Manno

"In my speedo." **Brent Foland**

"It would take me a while to plan that." **Chrissi Molitor**

"I would wear something sleazy looking." **Alison Hitt**

"Wear one of the dresses my grandma sends me." Elizabeth Over

"Have you seen me in the halls? That's sexy."

Laura Roberts

"In a black tuxedo with black sunglasses." John Sigsbee

"In a big purple bow." **Mindy Johnson**

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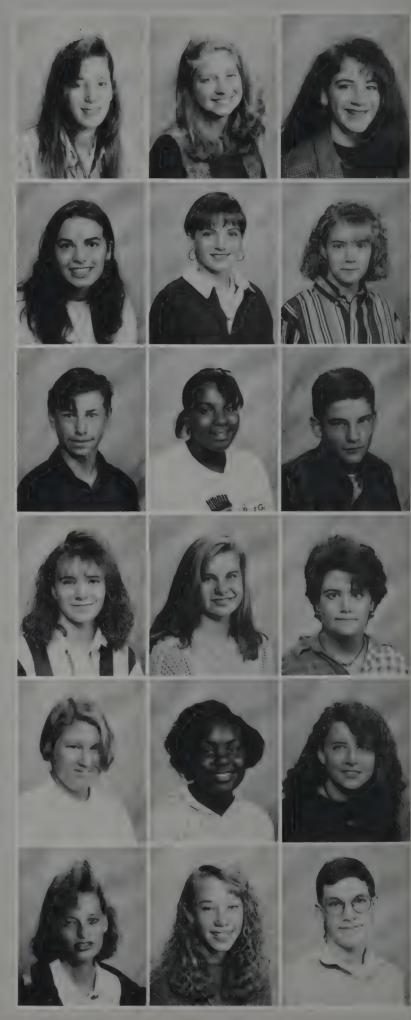
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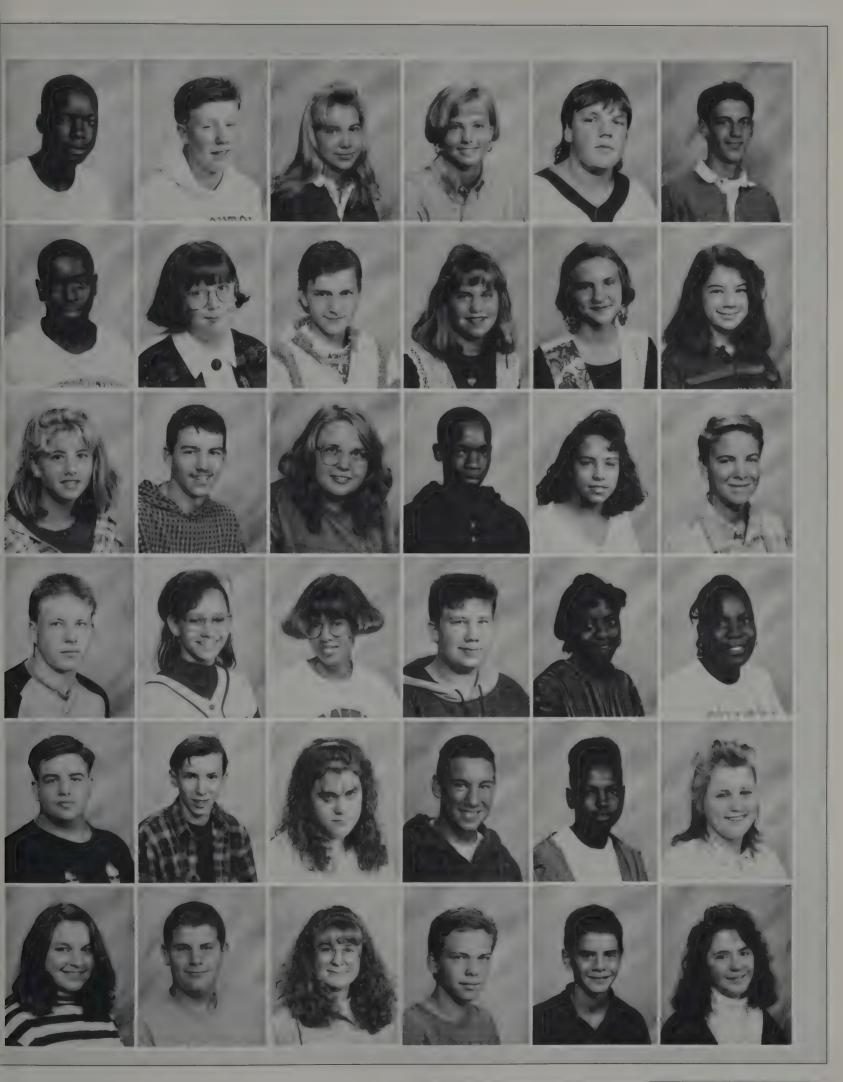
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Jessie McCaskill Yevonne McCaster Kelly McCoy Jammie McCoy Steven McDaniel MaryAnn McDonald Robert McDowell Terrell McGee Kellie McMannis

> Marsha McNeill Alison McNulty William Menges Christina Menoski Mark Mercer Tana Merryfield Jeremy Metzger **Dustin Metzler** April Miller





Are there people that you envy enough to trade lives with them? Who are they and why?

"No, I don't envy anyone in particular, just certain parts of them." Mindy Johnson

> Kevin Cantzler --He's cool." Rebecca Lintjer

"Yes, Butthead (of Beavis and Butthead)." **Brandon Lott**

> "No, my life is perfect." **Kevin Cantzler**

"Yes, a dog, because they get free food, free housing, and are treated well." Ryan Miller

"Kevin Cantzler -he's cool." **Amy Krouse**

"Yes, Janet Jackson." Lydia Miller

"Yes, John Polhemus and Jess Preston." Joey McDowell

"Yes, Kristen Smith, she has great hair." Leah Plank

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Jose Montiel John Moon Benjamin Moore Jennifer Moore Richard Morris Carolyn Mosiman **Bobby Mullins** Leatha Nandon Zachary Navarro

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Leslie Ostrom Elizabeth Over Juan Palacios Nikki Parsons Laura Paulen Monique Payne Suzanne Pearce Chris Peete Christina Peterson

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What are you looking forward to your sophomore year?

"Being able to go out with all the people, like Jodi, who are older than me." Rebecca Lintier

"To pass, and have better teachers." Kellie McMannis

"My brother will be in college, so I don't have to worry about him making fun of me." **Mindy Johnson**

"Meeting people and making friends." **Bevin Elliot**

> Only three more years of high school left." **Alison Hitt**

"Driving, picking on the freshmen, and knowing more people." Ali McNulty

"Working at Hot n' Now with Chris Huff." **Natalie Daron**

"I'm looking forward to pushing around the freshmen." Malaika Homo

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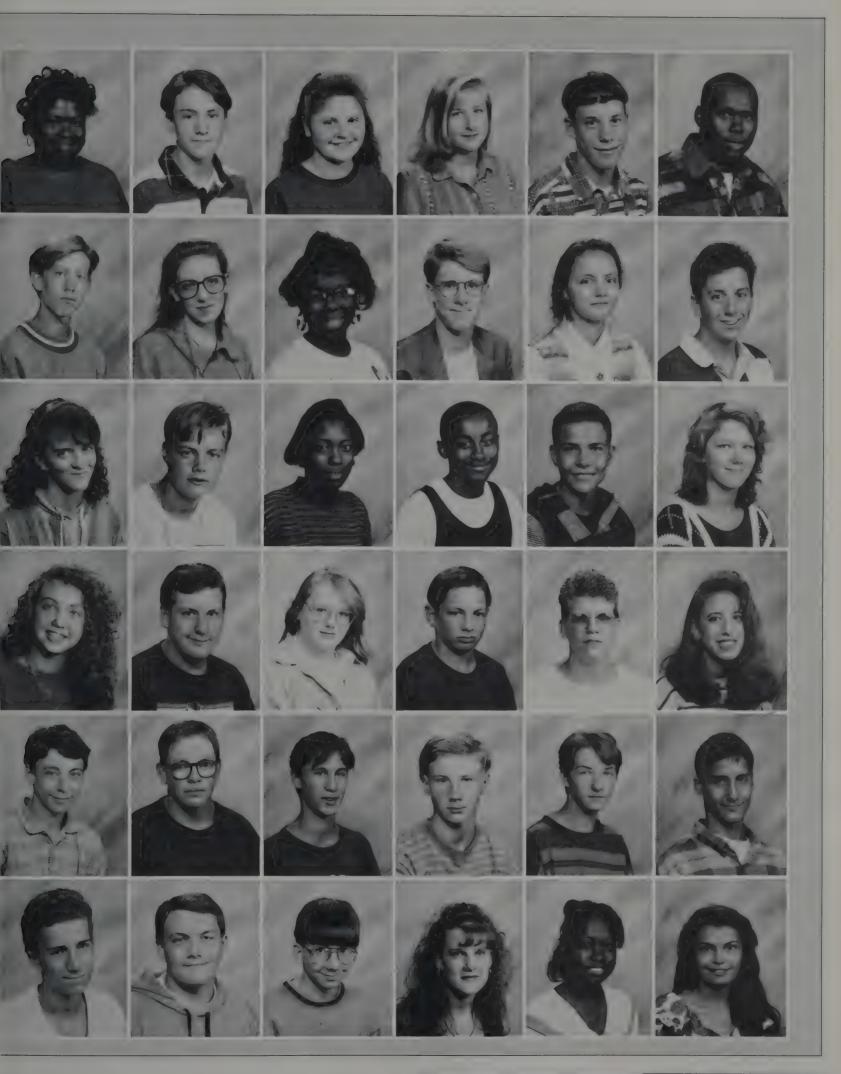
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Michael Stewart Sharon Strychalski Benjamin Stuckey Chad Stutsman **Brian Swoverland** Jason Talley Dana Taylor Dania Taylor Rebekah Taylor





Do you think the world will be a better or worse place in 100 years ?

> "Better" **Monica Bailey**

"Worse, the world is already messed up." **Alison Hitt**

> "Better, more people." Joey McDowell

"With Bill Clinton running it, how could it get any worse!" **Heather Harvell**

"Worse, because we have a president that spends \$200 dollars on a haircut." John Sigsbee

"If there is a world, it will be worse." Ryan Miller

"I think it will be worse -- good luck to the next generation!" Malaika Homo

> "It will be much worse, because I'll be dead." **Chrissi Molitor**

"Hopefully, better!" **Natalie Daron**

Steven Taylor **Brittany Thomas Eugene Thomas** Pepper Thomas Stephanie Thomas Justin Thompson **Tyson Thompson** Tabitha Tincher Drake Tolliver

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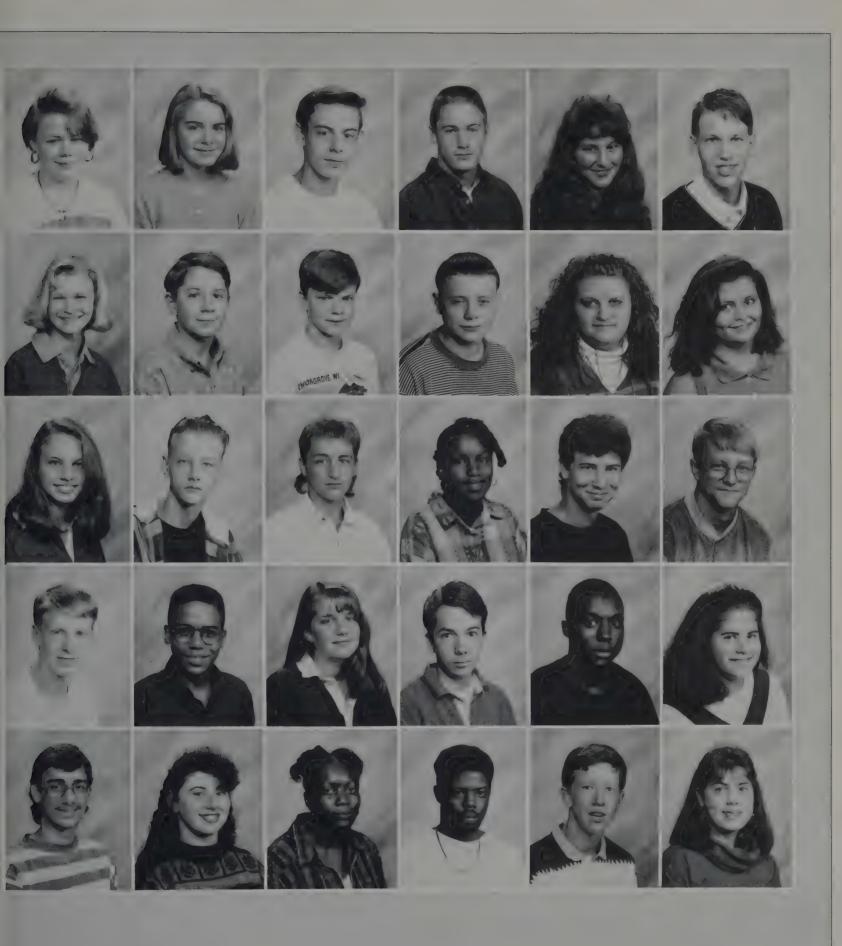
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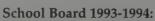
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(Row 1, left to right): Glenn Duncan, Vaughn Moreno (Row 2): Dorisanne Nielsen, Andrew Williams, Harrison Haynes, Jeri Stahr, and Paul Stemm.

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"It takes a whole village to raise a child." - African Proverb



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You've come a long way, Baby!

Teachers reflect back to a Simpler Time

When students think of the teachers in high school, many imagine cave people and dinosaurs. The staff did not grow up in the stone age; however, they went different places and did different things for fun.

Although most of the teachers went to the athletic events, not all of them were able to participate. When Mrs. Lucy Minichillo was in school Elkhart did not have girls athletics; instead, they had GAA (Girls Athletic Association). Girls participated in co-ed athletics outside of school. After the games they often went to a dance. Mrs. Timmie Sheline went to all the dances held after the basketball and football games; however, she rarely went to parties. "They just weren't the thing," she stated. "Instead the big thing to do was go cruising in Goshen. That's where you met all the neat guys."

Mrs. Duwe's most memorable moments also included cruising. "On Friday nights the girls would cruise Hall's Drive-in in Fort Wayne to see the guys and, of course, be seen. We'd drive around and around, stopping to gossip with the other girls and flirt with the guys, order a Frosty (for appearances) and drive round and round again."







Outside of school the teachers could be seen at several of their local hangouts. Mrs. Minichillo stopped at an ice cream shop with friends on the way to school. She went to friends' houses and made pizza or other fun activities. She might have been seen at the movies or bowling. Miss Barb True went to dances at the Y and slumber parties with friends. She also went to Ray's Ice Cream parlor down town. Many of the teachers relied on their own two feet rather than a personal automobile. Mr. Kevin Smith said, "Cars weren't as important to us. Only one student owned a car. Everyone knew the school song, cheers, etc."

So although none of them knew Fred Flintstone, they did have lots of fun.

Carla Cook



Police crack down on a group of speeding cruisers in downtown Elkhart. Cruising was a major pastime for many teachers.

File photo

The Bucklen Theater was the site for cowboy movies when some of our teachers were in school. Boxing matches were held here also and the price of admission was only ten cents.

File photo



Robert Clark, Counseling
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Nena Fuller, Social Studies
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Karen Godshalk, Special Education
Thomas Grove, Art
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A Lasting Impression ...

"To everything there is a season." The Pennant Annual staff acknowledges the loss of two tireless workers of our school family this year, Mrs. Mary Bachtel and Mr. Charles Smith.

We dedicate this space to these two people whom we will miss very dearly but know and understand that their untimely deaths were part of this cycle that we call life.

A yearbook is a time capsule, and it is our hope that, in the many years to come, as you thumb through the pages of this record of the 93-94 school year, you will take a little time out of the hustle and bustle of your busy life, to reflect on these two special people who made our lives so much richer.

The Pennant Annual Staff

My Friend

Always a smile for me Always a help to me Mind like a steel trap Things for her were a snap How should I do this? What do you think? How do I handle an obstinate sink? My computer won't process My printers a mess My shoe is untied My keys are locked inside There's a kink in my neck I think I'm a wreck

My plants have turned brown My computer is down Have you heard this good joke My desk chair just broke Let's go take a walk, take a swim, have some candy That jewelry you made me fits my style just dandy Nothing I asked for she wouldn't consider Kinderd souls from the start, I'll never forget her She is part of me now, she made my life better That's really the reason I'm writing this letter So you too could know my friend.

(Written by Barb True for her friend and co-worker Mary Bachtel.)



Remembering Mr. Smith

A former student reflects on an unforgettable educator



Charles Smith, Social Studies

The following essay was submitted by former student Andrew Cittadine in his 1989 Academic All-Star Program application. He illustrates the spirit of Mr. Smith as those who worked with him and learned from him knew best. The Pennant Annual thanks Mr. Smith's wife, Ellen Krulewich, for sharing this with us.

The Editor

Charles Smith has been sightless since birth, but he is not blind. His physical handicap in no way diminishes his sharp intellect nor his ability to stir the intellectual curiousity of his students.

When I walked into his class at the beginning of my senior year, I wondered how someone who could not see could be much of a conveyor of wisdom to those of us who already knew everything. It was only a matter of a few days before I recognized that I was the one who was blind. In discussion ranging from the crumbling capitalistic system to the fossilized remnants of communism, Charles Smith guided me through a maze of logic and critical questioning. This was territory I had not seen before. I suffered my share of wounds in his sharp questions and exchanges with me, but I learned.

I learned that critical thinking is vastly superior to rote memory and that sometimes there is no "right answer. I learned that "justice" is what someone says it is on a given day - a much humbler concept than my lofty definition. Charles Smith may always remain a high school teacher. I hope he does so that others can see his light.

Andrew Cittadine

















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When I was in school...

"We were more ethical and the language was decent and everyone knew the school songs, cheers, etc."

Mr. Van Young

"There was no summer school except for driver's training. The cafeteria food is much better now." Mrs. Timmie Sheline

"There were no computers, we had to use pencils. There were smaller schools with only two rooms. The discipline was more strict and there was a higher respect toward teachers and the students had more self respect."

Mr. Jim Blacklaw

"There were only 876 graduates, and only juniors and

ates, and only juniors and seniors went to the same school. The sophomores went to a different school. Ninth graders were still in middle school, lunch was closed, and driver's ed was taught during the winter. Teacher's expectations of students were different."

Mr. Nico Valentijn

"Students wanted to be better than their parents. There wasn't as much social concern. They spent more time on studies. Boys were suspended for 3 days if they didn't have a belt and their shirts weren't tucked in."

Mrs. Janice Rowits

Impressing the Crowd

In the blocks, members of the State Champion Boys Track team prepare to dash to victory during the State Track Finals in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"Sports" Jessie Stroup

Jor most Elkhart Central students, school started on August 23, but for many of the athletes, school started a month or two before classes even began. What where they doing? Practicing. Whenever Central's athletes aren't in school they're probably out working hard getting into shape for the big season ahead. Whether it's boys football or girls gymnastics, every team shares a common goal: work hard, have fun and win.

Coach Kurth's Boys Track Team definitely worked hard last spring. They brought back the 1993 State Track Championship Trophy to add to Central's

trophy case. The Blazers impressed everyone with four firsts, one second, one third, one fifth, one

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sixth and two sevenths. Girls Softball also had a great season last spring. The team made their way to semi-state and placed second there losing only to Merrillville who went on to win the State Championship.

Bernie Haskins showed great senior leadership leading the Blazer Football Team to a great winning season. The Blue Wave entered this year's season with 204 consecutive wins, adding more as the season progressed. 1993 was the first year for girls to try their hand at golf. The team had 16 members and putted their way to a great start.

When the time came, all the Blazers gave it their all and their hard work and dedication paid off impressing the crowd, their coaches, and most importantly themselves.

Impressive Season Blazer Football takes it higher

he Elkhart Central Blue Blazers charged into an exciting season with the stands packed with students as well as other fans of the Blazers. The season kicked off with an amazing comefrom-behind win at Mishawaka. The team trailed behind in the first half only to surge ahead after half-time, and that game set the tone for many games ahead.

In the annual event of the season, senior Demarco Taylor scored six touchdowns over cross town rivals, the Memorial Chargers. The Blazers prevented the Chargers from scoring in the first half, and once again, Mangy Lion rested easy for the thirteenth year in a row.

A standing room only crowd witnessed the battle between Central and the Penn Kingsmen. It proved to be a crowd pleaser despite a loss to the Black and Gold.

Unfortunately for the Blazers, there was no shortage of injuries during the season but they still managed to pour it on with a final record of 6-2.

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Coaches Corner...

"I was extremely pleased
with the season
this year [despite] a limited
number of seniors. I felt the
entire team,
through senior
leadership,
performed
above their
capabilities."

Coach Kurth



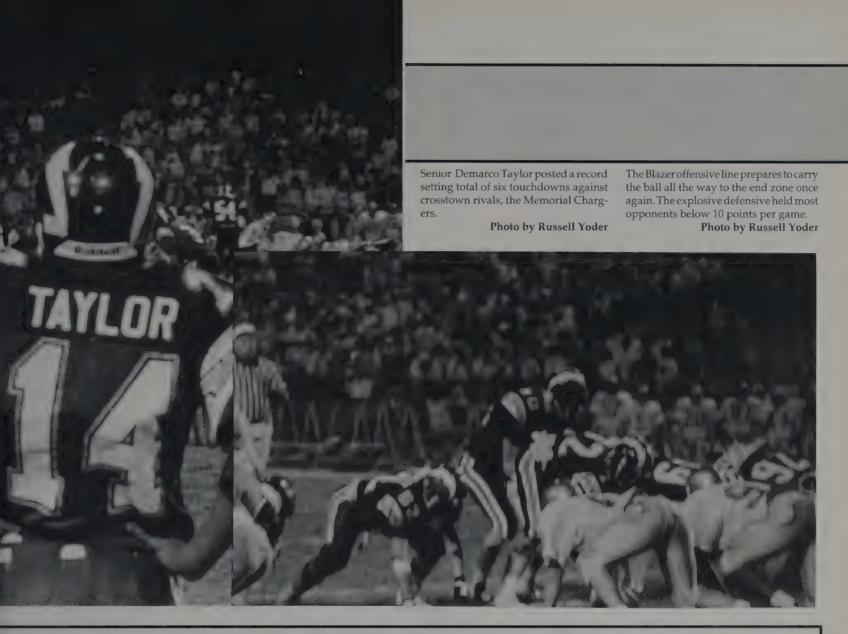
Normally seen pulverizing their opponents, seniors Al Lee, Damion Hackworth, and Darryl Wilson watch a few minutes of this game from the sidelines.

Photo by Russell Yoder

Even in the rough world of football the players still manage to have some fun and strengthen old friendships, like the one between quarterback Bernie Haskins and Sam Salee.

Photo by Russell Yoder







Football 93-94: (Row 1, left to right): Demarco Taylor, Keith Green, Darryl Wilson, Matt Gifford, Gabe Bridger, Bernie Haskins, Mike Gosner, Damion Hackworth, Shayne Bennett, Al Lee, Jerry Slack (Row 2): Ben Birkey, Frank Serge, Wayne Beale, Travis Bilger, Lamar Conard, Wes Searer, Bobby Hunt, Jon Campbell, Tramell Woods, Joey Becker, Jeff Rodion, Nate Riddle (Row 3): Shane Moyer, David Smith, Josh Borden, Mike Love, Mike Wegmann, Jorge Montero, Rod Gawthrop, Eric Irions, Chris Bissell, Anthony White, Andy Brown, Randy Warman (Row 4): Dennis Jackson, Jason Alwine, Chris Carris, Adrian Barhams, Todd Hill, Eric Gregory, Jason Lantz, Kris Gest, Ben Cutler, Adam Roscoe, Nathan Sailor, Jason Furlow, Jason Smith (Row 5): Ty Thompson, Travis Schlabach, Chris Orona, Pat Johnson, Darrell Higgins, Tate Marcinkowski, Tyson Williams, Mike Dotlich, Mike Jones, BJ Jarowyi, Markus Bridges, Edgar Sanders, Frank Lewis, Jeff Hedman (Row 6): Pat Keogen, Coach Bemiller, Coach Murray, Coach Erlacher, Coach Roberson, Coach Osborne, Coach Kurth, Coach Stutsman, Coach Stillson, Coach Mann, Coach Johnson, Josh Schooley

Photo by Lindahl Photography

93-94 Scoreboard

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Opponent T	
Mishawaka	20-25
Adams	7-17
Clay	6-38
Penn	27-9
Washington	20-26
Elston	6-35
Memorial	6-46
Riley	17-14
JV	
Mishawaka	6-0
Mishawaka Adams	6-0 20-7
Adams	
	20-7
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Adams Clay	20-7 0-6 20-0
Adams Clay Penn Washington	20-7 0-6 20-0 6-13
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Adams Clay Penn Washington Elston	20-7 0-6 20-0 6-13 26-24OT 30-3

Bunting to success

Teamwork pays for Lady Blazers

he 1993-1994 girls soccer season was an "up and down" one. The lady Blazers posted a 1-0 victory over Clay for the first time in several seasons, and were ranked in the top ten.

The team was "more like a family than everbefore," according to Gretchen Heinrichs, one of the team captains. "The team had very good skills for such a young aged group," she added. "I was happy to be a captain for such a team oriented [group]."

Co-captain Karen Hagopian added, "This year was my favorite year and I was happy to be a captain on such a hard-working and talented team."

Next year, Central will add a boys team and both will participate in the Northern Indiana Conference. Coaches and perspective members are fired up for the new challenge of the new alternating fall schedule. The girls will play on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the boys will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The words "losing season" applied here only as far as the game statistics. As far as team work, sportsmanship, and motivation was concerned, everyone was a winner.

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Coaches Corner...

"This year's team was really motivated and everyone tried her hardest, which seemed to pay off in the long run.
Even when the girls got discouraged they strove to win."

Dale Stoltzfus



93-94 Scoreboard Opponent Them - Us Rilev Penn 0-5 0 - 7St. Ioe Adams 2-3 Washington 9-1 Concordia 3-0 Ft. Wayne Northrop 6-1 LaSalle 0 - 73-0 Marion Mishawaka 0 - 8Clay 0 - 13-2 Concord 3-1 Memorial 5-8 9-4 4-0 Clay Marion 3-0



Girl's Soccer 93-94 (Top row, left to right): Coach Dale Stoltzfus, Liz Shelt, Renee Benjamin, Gretchen Heinrichs, Megan Yoder, Jenny Story, Angie Everett, Sarah Hansing, Julie Longbrake, Laura Cormican, Laura Paulen, Angie Zimmerman, Courtney Bowers, Erin Yoder (Bottom row):David Black, Karen Hagopian, Katie Root, Joanna Haimbach, Nikki Knoll, Jamie Murphy, Angie Gunden, Mindy Johnson, Katie Fackelman, Carolyn Freese, Ali McNulty, David Stout

Photo by Lindahl Photography





The Lady Blazers used communication to maintain their teamwork. Julie Longbrake demonstrates as she calls out to a team member to secure a pass.

Photo by Reid Mellott

It takes a great deal of maneuvering to set up a good play as shown by Ali McNulty as she runs into the best position that will allow her nothing short of a goal.

Photo by Reid Mellott







With an opponent's team member closely behind in pursuit, Angie Gunden tries to gain control of a loose ball on the field. Photo by Reid Mellott

Megan Yoder demonstrates the type of winning technique the lady Blazers often displayed against their opponents as she knee bunts the ball past the other team's defensive player

Exhausted but happy are juniors Adrienne Turner and Margaret Topolski after one more of their successful con-**Photo by Elkhart Truth** tests.

Water sprays all around when junior Lindsay Benko is struggling through the wet floods during her 100 yard freestyle. Photo by Elkhart Truth







Senior Heather Murry jumps into the wet floods during practice at Central's pool. The girls practiced up to 15 hours a week. Photo by Lindahl

Coach Karen Leeth keeps an eye on the girls during practice. She pushed the swimmers very hard in order to get the best out of them.

Photo by Reid Mellott





Coach's Corner

"We had an outstanding season. We accomplished all goals but the state's, and we set 3 state records. I'm really proud of everyone."

Coach Karen Leeth

Wet Success

Girls' Swimming

ndefeated throughout all meets. First in the sectionals. Participants in the state contest with excellent results. What else could anyone want?

This great success had been reached with hard work: practice up to 15 hours a week, with early morning pool meetings starting in the first week of August. Some girls even swam year round, like Lindsay Benko. "The hard work was worth it. Coach Leeth pushed us very hard, but that was good. She did what had to be done," Benko stated.

As many teammembers said the team was pushed forward by the strong team spirit. The cheering helped the girls in Indianapolis. Everyone felt excited when the girls went there for the state meet; although only a part of the team swam, almost everybody took the trip to the capital.

The support that the Central students and staff showed will have to prove itself next year when, once again, the girls speed through the wet floods on their way to suc-Barbara Perlich





Girl's Swimming 93-94: (Row1 left to right): Kara Baker, Julie Fessenden, Carrie Platusich, Kori Ruskowski, Heather Murry (R.2): Margaret Topolski, Jill Campbell, Carla Cook, Adrienne Turner, Sarah Horvath, Kira Homo, Lindsay Benko (R.3): Alexandra Platusich, Amy Stamp, Erica Weaver, Liz Poe, Brooke Marks, Jenny Black (R.4): Laura Roberts, Leslie Benko, Erin Sfreddo, Paige Jellison, Milaina Vuchenich, Malaika Homo, Erica Clerc (R.5): Adam Thompson, Jessica Bradley Coach Karen Leeth, Elizabeth Oyer, Brett "B.J." Jellison Photo by Lindahl

93-94 Scoreboard

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40-136
55-130
63.5-122.5
47-129
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64-124
57-129
56.5-123.5
48-138
64-122
50-134
60-126
46-135
59-127
36-126

Running Above The Rest

Girls' and Boys' Cross Country

he Elkhart Central Girls Cross Country Team ran their way to a winning season, losing only three times, each loss to a team ranked number one in the state. The Lady Blazers gained eight new runners making the team total fifteen. Junior Erin Booth stated, "I felt really welcomed on the team even though this was my first year running. Our team became close and we made some new friendships." The team placed third at sectionals with two runners in the top ten.

The Boys Cross Country team ran above the rest last fall. The Blue Blazers ran past their opponents not losing a single dual meet. Senior Jeff Williams, a four year runner and team co-captain said, "We took defeat, learned from it, stomped it into the ground and rose above it." Senior Ryan Cantzler, the other captain stated, "Running is the pompitus (ultimate) of love." The team went into the post season ranked number 18th in the state.

Jessie Stroup

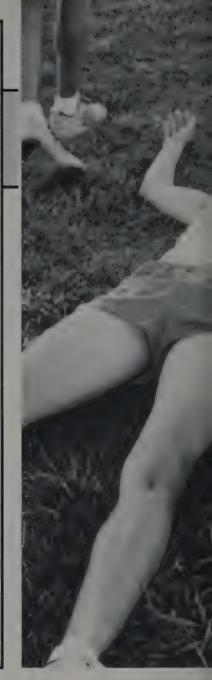
Coaches Corner...

"This was a dedicated group; they worked hard and had a lot of fun."

Girls' Coach Jean Kerich

"They ran as well overall as any of the Central cross country teams at the 5k distance."

Boys' Coach Dana Homo



93-94 Scoreboard Opponent Them - Us 19-40 Penn Memorial 19-42 Riley 18-41 15-49 Clay 15-48 Adams Elston 16-47 New Prairie 28-31 15-45 Mishawaka Washington 16-47 LaSalle 15-50 20-38 Northridge



Boy's Cross Country 93-94 (Row 1, left to right): Jason Witt, Jeff Williams, Matt Duthie, Ryan Smaka, Brian Saal, Ryan Cantzler, Chris Huff, Brian Henderson, Bryan Jones, Derek Metzler (Row 2): Dustin Metzler, Jay Klonowski, Wes Steffen, Frank Hughes, Jeremy Thomas, Mgr. Scott Bowlby, Mark Ermis, Chris Cozort, Matt Walker, Chris Stine, Andy Bailey, Nate Mickleson (Row 3): Zack Knoll, Justin Thompson, Mikel Ropp, Kevin Cantzler, Seth Scholfield, John Rassi, Alan Hauger, Andy Hughes, Jon Williams, Gary Botts, Ron Pulliam, Ben Moore, Chris Wingard, Wayne Smith

Photo by Lindahl Photography





Senior co-captain Ryan Cantzler, lays exhasted after a good run at the Northridge meet.

Photo by Reid Mellott



Girl's Cross Country 93-94: (Row 1, left to right): Stephanie Powers, Erin Booth, Jenny Wirtz, Michelle McCaster, Kelly Grafton, Jill Reed (Row 2, left to right): Maxin Johnston, Emily Compton, Amanda DeHaven, Elise Johnston, Bridget Olivier, Tavara Brown, Jessie Stroup, Marci Hunt

Photo by Lindahl Photography

93-94 Scoreboard Opponent Them - Us Penn 40-17 29-30 Memorial Riley 20-40 Clay 25-34 Adams 22-36 Elston 42-17 New Prairie 22-36 20-39 Mishawaka Wahington 15-50 LaSalle 15-50 Northridge 46-17





The Elkhart Central Cross Country Teams celebrate after the final meet of the regular season against Northridge.

Photo by Reid Mellott

Getting ready for a Saturday morning race, the Girls Cross Country Team stretches at the Manchester Invite.

Photo by Reid Mellott

Innerschool Competition

Intramurals

ntramurals give students the chance to compete against their own classmates. The teams are comprised of girls and boys and competition is held during the lunch hour. The championship volleyball team, the first to compete in innerschool competition at Central, had 1 girl and 5 boys.

There were 9 teams for volleyball intramural competition. As Ms. Kika Brown, who organized the intramurals in fall '93, said, "There will be more teams in the [following] years. It'll grow."

Organizing intramurals is not easy. There are 20 teams that are then placed into 4 pools of 5 teams. In the first round every pool figures out the best two teams of the pool. These teams play against each other, so altogether there are 39 games. The whole competition takes about 15 days to complete.

During the spring semester, Coach Tom Kurth organized basketball intramurals and both organizers believe that the intramural program will continue to grow and gain more school wide attention in the following years.

Barbara Perlich



Senior Matt Walker led his team to the victory in the volleyball intramurals. As the team captain, he made sure no team would beat them

Photo by Reid Mellott

Intramural volleyball champs (Front row left to right): Junior Mark Ermis, and Seniors Matt Walker, Derek Metzler (Back row left to right): Seniors Ryan Cantzler, Missy Gaume, Mark Benjamin.

Photo by Reid Mellott



For the very first time

The first year of Girls' Golf

people interested in participating.

Sophomore Kristy Nymeyer poses and demonstrates her way of putting the ball in while giving the photographer a big smile.

Photo by Reid Mellott



t was our first year of girls' golf and I think the girls had fun. None of them quit," Girls' Golf Coach John Krouse said. For the '93 and '94 seasons girls' golf has club status; that means, that the girls can't get a letter and Coach Krouse is a volunteer-coach. After two years as a club, the organization will get sport classification if there are still

For 14 of the 17 girls, it was the first time they had ever played the game. Coach Krouse made the missing experience responsible for any possible disappointing results because, as he said, "The girls were really interested."

To improve their skills, the team met for practice every day for two months. On the weekends, there were meetings and contests.

One big advantage of golf is, according to Coach Krouse, "that one can play it even in his senior years. If you can't walk anymore, you can use a cart!" Krouse hopes that the girls will keep on playing and, in years to come, look back to this year at Central when they first started the fight against their own handicaps.

Barbara Perlich

Coaches Corner

"[One big advantage of golf is] if you can't walk anymore, you can use a cart!"

John Krouse



Girls' Golf 93-94: (front row, left to right): Kim Learner, Julie Oelslager, Amy Juillerat, Carla Mendez, Sara Forte, Amanda Bidelman, Jenny Watson, Mandy Zurek (back row, left to right): Coach Krouse, Erin Stamper, Chrissy Murschel, Lisa Wolf, Kristy Nymeyer, Amy Poole, Amy Krouse (not pictured): Jenny Bushong, Lisa Bushong, Leslie Artley

93-94 Scoreboard

Opponent	Them - Us
Northridge	240-276
Plymouth	263-253
Caston	253-253
Concord	285-260
Goshen	272-222
W'Noble	225-222
Sectionals	572

Spiking It To The Net Volleyball

ost members of the 1993 volleyball teams would agree on at least one thing -- that they love to play. Volleyball is an energetic sport, a good way to stay in shape, and a positive after-school activity. Junior Sara Walker, who has been playing since

fifth grade, explained, "This season was a lot better than last year. There is still room for improvement, but next year will hopefully be even better."

Sarah Rodewald agrees: "We're getting a lot of new talent, and have more possibilities in the next few years."

Senior Karen Windbigler commented, "Our coach[es] had [their] good and bad points, but basically made things fun. I would recommend joining volleyball because it is a good experience; you meet a lot of friends, there are no morning practices, and it's an awesome sport!"

Junior Megan Dierickx summed it up: "We had a better season: up and down at first, but we pulled together. It is important to have communication, and to work well as a team."

Erica Ridley

Coach's Corner...

"I was pleased with the outcome of the season, although there were a few more games we could have won. I thought 19 wins was really good. It was nice to beat Memorial for the seventh straight time!"

> Coach **Jane Lutz**

93-94 Junior Varsity Scoreboard

Opponent Us-Them Westview 15-4 15-13 W Goshen 15-7 15-9 W **Iimtown** 15-7 15-3 W St. Joe 11-15 15-4 5-15 L Penn 2-5 10-15 L Mishawaka 7-15 10-15 L Washington 15-10 15-2 W Rilev 11-15 15-9 14-16 L Clay 15-9 15-7 W Wawasee 15-7 15-9 W Adams 15-10 15-5 W La Salle 15-9 15-8 W Northwood 18-16 15-11 W Elston 15-12 15-7 W Memorial 13-15 10-15 L



Girl's JV Volleyball 93-94: (Row 1, left to right): Erin Geise, Courtney Trieber. (Row 2): Liz Elliott, Jackie Keltner, Beth Widomski, Sarah Rodewald, Juanita Gates, Kristen Becker. (Row 3): Coach Lori Eades, Sara Walker, Maureen Majare, Nikki Severy, Tina Caldwell, Annie Miniger, Brandi Minix, Courtney Lockhart. Photo by Lindahl Photography





Junior Brenda Rock begins a new game by powerfully serving the ball to the opposing team.

Photo by Reid Mellott



Girls' Volleyball 93-94: (Row 1, left to right): Jane Lutz, Brenda Rock, Roxie White, Karen Windbigler, and Lisa Mullins. (Row 2): Emily Larson, Megan Dierickx, Erica Cartwright, Melony Smith, Cindy Eppert,

Photo by Lindahl Photography

Varsity Scoreboard

Us-Them Opponent Westview 15-3 4-15 14-16 Goshen 15-8 5-15 15-8 W 15-8 15-7W Iimtown St. Joe 11-15 15-5 15-11W Penn 3-15 7-15 L Valparaiso 18-16 15-12 W Gary West 15-13 15-7 W 11-15 11-15 L Concord Marian 13-15 15-12 3-15 L Mishawaka 2-15 4-15 L Washington 15-7 15-9 W Riley 7-15 1-15 L Clay 15-10 15-10 W Wasasee 15-9 15-3 W Adams 16-14 15-11 W La Salle 15-3 15-7 W 15-8 15-6 W Memorial





Emily Larson reaches high to hit the ball as Erica Cartwright, Erin Geise and Megan Dierickx wait for action.

Photo by Reid Mellott

Megan Dierickx reaches low on one knee in hopes of setting up a spike that will catch the opponents by surprise.

Photo by Reid Mellott

At the end of a long day Craig Sherwood and Jon Church wrap up the game. These two seniors will always have the year of the elite eight to look back on.

Photo by Reid Mellott

Stretching and reaching, sophomore Pat Polhemus practices his return. The players had to practice hard to get to the semistate.

Photo by Reid Mellott







Junior Steve Wieringa takes aim with his deadly forearm. His talent took him into some of the final matches of the Central team.

Photo by Reid Mellott

With a look of determination on his face Pat Polhemus takes a swing as Jon Church works his way through the game.

Photo by Reid Mellott





Coaches Corner...

"It was an outstanding season. The players never got too up after a victory or to down after a defeat. We had outstanding individual players and the NIC champs." Dave Whittaker

Boy's Tennis to the top All the way to the elite eight

he 1993-1994 boys tennis team was very competitive. All the members of the team had positive attitudes and were exceptionally talented. Everyone of the members were satisfied with the results of the 93-94 season.

When they made it to semi-state (as one of the elite eight), the players realized just how talented they were and pushed even harder to beat Portage with a 4-1 score. The team then became slightly disappointed when they were edged out of the semi-state due to their loss at Munster. But heads weren't bowed in shame because the Blazers had an exciting season and had many a reason to be proud.

Several of the players were seniors and the team hopes to be able to replace them next year with new people that are just as talented. Freshman Brent Foland stated, "This year went smooth and the upperclassmen didn't shut out the underclassmen. They made us feel more like part of the team, and I hope next year is the same and we do even better." Junior Steve Wieringa added, "The season had a slow start but we had a lot of talent and we gave it all we Iamie Arbuthnot had to [obtain] many victories.

Carla Cook





Boy's Tennis 93-94: (Row one, left to right): Coach Dave Whittaker, Brian Shelton, Steve Wieringa, Tim Minzey, Garrett Montgomery, Jon Church, Ryan Sfreddo, Shawn Nofziger, Trent Jackson, Rick Wisketoni (Row two, left to right): Pat Polhemus, Andrew Wu, Adrian Graber, Scott Steede, Mark Benjamin, Matt Pittman, Craig Sherwood, Rich Walter, Anil Gupta, Erik Heinrichs, Pat O' Connell, Brent Foland, Phillip Seaver.

Photo by Lindahl Photography

93-94

Scoreboard		
Opponent	Them - Us	
Goshen	4-1	
Warsaw	0-5	
Elston	0-5	
Memorial	2-3	
Penn	2-3	
Mishawaka	0-5	
Concord	1-4	
Washington	0-5	
Clay	1-4	
Riley	1-4	
Adams	0-5	
LaSalle	0-5	
Memorial	0-5	
Concord	0-5	
Wawasee	0-5	
Portage	1-4	
Goshen	1-4	
Munster	4-1	

Blazers...Bombs Away!

Boys' Basketball

eadership makes a successful team.
Demarco [Taylor], Bernie [Haskins],
Mike [Millsaps] and Ryan [Cantzler]
stepped forward this season and set an
example for the other players,"said
coach Dean Foster of the 1993-94 Elkhart

Central Blue Blazers. They took the Northern Indiana Conference by storm and captured the title of number 1.

Taylor had an extraordinary season. During his high school career, he exceeded 1000 points, and led the conference in scoring. Haskins, the 6 foot 6' senior, rebounded his way to be known by the media as "Big Bernie." He stated, "My favorite game was the game against Penn. I had two game winning free throws, which made my last regular season game at North Side Gym just a little more memorable. Not to mention, the students in the stands were especially fired up."

The team went on to win the Sectional Championship, but lost in the first Regional game to the state champion Clay Colonials. This was the best season for the Blazers since they went to state in 1978. Foster looks forward to a winning streak that should continue for the next couple of years.

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Coaches Corner...

"The boys did a tremendous job this season. They did everything that I asked of them and more. They not only captured the N.I.C. but, also the eyes of state contenders."

Coach Dean Foster



Opponent Them - Us 56-49 Goshen 38-25 Concord 33-42 Memorial 27-44 Rodgers 41-46 Riley 44-35 Kokomo 44-56 **IV TNY** Clay 46-40 39-48 Northridge 47-56 Mishawaka St. Toe 28-47 36-46 Elston 47-51 Laporte

93-94 Scoreboard



Boys' J.V. Basketball 93-94 (Row 1, left to right): Andy Hoag, Blair Melvin, Andy Conkey, Korby Duddy, David Smith, Joey Becker (Row 2): Coach Tim Osborn, Shawn Noffziger, Adam Fuller, Fee Anderson, Eric Gregory, Todd Hill, Ben Birkey, and Jay Klonowski.

Photo by Lindahl Photography



31-39

47-53

28-47

38-43

55-35

54-46

Penn

Andrean

Adams

Lasalle

Warsaw

Washington



David Artley and Bernie Haskins block an intended two points. Through the season, the boys took their turns being the "center" of attention.

Photo by Lindahl Photography



Boy's Basketball 93-94: (Row 1, left to right): Assistant Coach Rich Toth, Ben Lefever, Rod Gawthrop, David Artley, Bernie Haskins, Ryan Cantzler, Andy Wayland (Row 2): Tim Osborn, Dean Foster, Demarco Talyor, Wes Steffen, Mike Millsaps, Ben Larson, Casey Clopton, Richie Kimes, and Assistant Coach Garvin Roberson.

Photo by Lindahl Photography

93-94 Scoreboard

<u>Opponent</u>	Them - Us
Goshen	36-65
Concord	64-61
Memorial	49-69
Rodgers	39-93
Riley	65-70
Kokomo	48-61
Holiday TNY	56-54
Holiday TNY	45-46
Clay	52-71
Northridge	51-58
Mishawaka	71-90
St. Joe	44-61
Elston	52-81
Laporte	48-71
Penn	61-62
Andrean	62-64
Washington	72-88
Adams	56-59
Lasalle	43-53
Warsaw	49-57
Sectional (Mish. Ma	r.) 40-58
(Penn)	39-52
Regional (Clay)	67-58





Coach Dean Foster talks to his players during a time out. His encouraging words, then and throughout the season, led the Blazers to an N.I.C. victory.

Photo by Lindahl Photography

Senior sensation Demarco Taylor guards Penn's Matt Welsh during an exhilarating game. The Blazers overcame the Kingsman by a point.

Photo by Lindahl Photography

Girls' Strive for Success

Girls'Basketball

"

e improved a lot this year. Winning only one game last year, then coming into this season and winning five was a 500% improvement," said Carrie

Platusich, the only senior to play with the Lady Blazers during the 93-94 season.

The Blazers played hard throughout the season but wound up on the short end of the scoreboard most of the time. The teams goals throughout the season were to win more games and to have a .500 season. The team ended up short, but were almost .500 in the Northern Indiana Conference (N.I.C.). The team was lead by sophomore Emily Compton and freshman Emily Larson. "It was fun to play with all of the upperclassmen on the Varsity squad as a freshman," stated Larsen. "It gave me an idea of what to expect in varsity play."

Compton and Larsen both anticipate playing in the following seasons. They believe that if the team continues to show improvement, the girls' could one day see a Sectional championship come Elkhart's way.

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Coaches Corner...

"The girls struggled throughout the season. but overall we did have a decent year. Most of the Varsity players will be returning next year which will help." Jane Lutz



Scoreboard Opponent Them - Us **Jimtown** 26-31 Concord 48-22 Goshen 32-13 St. Joe 32-24 LaSalle 41-34 Wawasee 55-19 Memorial 28-18 Washington 34-23 Riley 36-12 Adams 36-19 Clay 23-33

Mishawaka Elston

Penn

93-94



Girls J. V. Basketball 93-94: (*Row 1*, *left to right*): Monica Bailey, Crystal Cohen, Z. Platusich, Denise Lochmandy, Yvonne McCaster, Erin Geise, Jolanda Willis, (*Row 2*): Kristen Becker, Marci Hunt, Ali McNulty, Megan Yoder, Rhonda White, Maria Illescas, Courtney Bowers, Jenny Randal.

Photo by Lindahl Photography



37-22

46-13

58-22



Sophomore Emily Compton puts pressure on an opposing team player. Compton lead the team and will be returning next year to play.

Photo by Elkhart Truth



Girl's Basketball 93-94: (Row 1, left to right): Tervonda Allen, Jaci Keltner, Kari Smaka, Dawn Bloss, Missy Wagner. (Row 2): Michell McCaster, Angi Everett, Emily Larson, Carrie Platusich, Emily Compton.

Photo by Lindahl Photography

93-94		
Scoreboard		
Opponent	Them - Us	
Jimtown	61-43	
Concord	51-36	
Goshen	47-34	
St. Joe	19-42	
LaSalle	51-55	
Wawasee	40-27	
Memorial	67-48	
Washington	63-43	
Riley	54-57	
Adams	54-50	
Clay	33-40	
Mishawaka	61-25	
Elston	57-58	
Penn	49-37	
Sectional	25-41	





Carrie Platusich battles for a rebound. Throughout the season Platusich, the only senior, showed a great deal of leadership for the young Blazers.

Photo by Steve Rodkey

Placing herself in position for a basket against the girls from South Bend Washington, Angi Everett pauses before making an easy two

Photo by Steve Rodkey

Fish Out of Water!

Boys' Swimming

he Blue Wave has struck again! The boys swim team has been swimming closer to the state competition. They started out with an undefeated season until their first loss of the season against Riley. All of the swim meets had shown the power of the Blue Wave and their crazy hair-cuts showed the spirit. After every important meet, the entire student body was looking forward to what the swimmers had done. None was quite sure why the swimmers had dismantled their hair, but everyone knew it was an outrageous, macho, guy thing to do. The hair ranged from total baldness, E and C shaved in their heads, and mohawks. "The real motivation for shaving our heads was for two reasons. First, it cuts down the drag on the water, and two it gets you hyper and ready for the meet," said freshman Brent Foland. The overall attitude of the swimmers was just as long as they are winning it does not matter what they do to their heads.

The swimming and diving at Sectionals was incredible. There was an enormous amount of school and team spirit. Because of his outstanding preformance at Sectionals, Curtis Lasley was then seated number one in the state.

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Coaches Corner...

"This year the seniors on the team provided the core which drew the team together, to overcome adversity and maintain their standard of excellence in dual meet competition." Andy Scupham



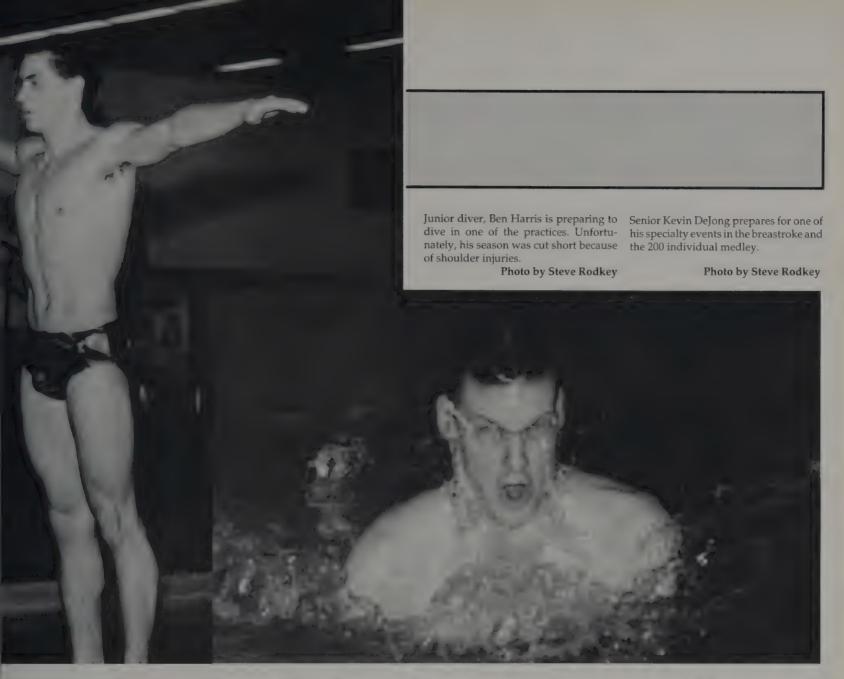
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95-94 Scoreboard	
Opponet	Them-Us
Warsaw	76-110
Mishawaka	46-140
Penn	82-104
LaSalle	35-140
Wawasee	74-112
Clay	60-120
Goshen	76-109
Memorial	39-135
Concord	76-110
Elston	76-126
Riley	109-77
Adams	42-137
Culver	40-145



Boys' Swimming 93-94: (Row 1, left to right): Kevin Dejong, Ryan Sfreddo, John Polhemus, Jes Preston, Scott Chakan, Ryan Smaka. (Row 2.): Curtis Lasley, Ben Harris, Gabe Klemm, Andrew Zinn, Adam Rudin, Adam Clerc, Max Reves, Joe McDowell. (Row 3): Pat Polhemus, Scott Freshour, Jordan Kirk, Adam Barb, Philip Seaver, Matthew Elliott, James Griffith. (Row 4): Steve Wieringa, Jeff Beelaert, Trent Jackson, Dustin Metzler, Steve Creel, Aaron Salee, Clay Barclay

Photo by Lindahl Photography









Pat Polhemus butterflies his way to the top and adds his name to the long lit of Blazer record holders.

Photo by Steve Rodkey

Junior Jeff Beelaert shows top form as he keeps the Blue Wave moving stroking in the free-style.

Photo by Steve Rodkey

Below: Sophomore Brent McClellan attempts to turn over Memorial's Adam Bolenbaugh to his back to get nearfall

Photo by Reid Mellott

Left: Flexibility and determination is what sophomore Andy Bailey is showing his opponent from Memorial. Bailey won this match by one point at the buzzer.

Photo by Reid Mellott





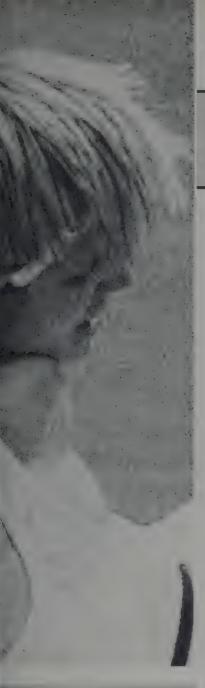
Above: Senior Rusty Yoder attempts to free himself from the the grasp of his opponent Anyson Wood from Memorial in the heavy well was a close match.

Photo by Elkhart Truth in the heavy-weight competition. This

Right: With determination, freshman Travis Schlabach attempts to break down his opponent, Jason Sunday from Memorial, to the mat in the 145 weight class at

Photo by Reid Mellott





Coaches Corner...

"I believe the team has made tremendous progress this season. It will be interesting to see how next vears team fairs in the sectional. They should be in content to win it." Coach John Alley

Hitting the mats!

Wrestling

he wrestling team has achieved many goals this season. They started their season by taking a first, just beating Memorial in team points, in the super-dual meet they held here at Central. Senior team captain Matt Walker said, "Our work ethics have improved dramatically since last year, and the team next year should achieve even higher goals!" The team was very young and competitive.

They finished their season eleven wins and eight losses. Five wrestlers made it out of sectionals into regionals. There were three individual champions; Brian O'Connor-103, Steve Howard-112, and Brent McClellan-135. Junior Steve Howard then went on and lost a close 1st round match in semi-state competition. Sophmore Brent McClellan went on and lost a tough 2nd round match in Semi-state competition. McClellan also led the team with the most team points.

Walker concluded, "This is a true team, it is not just made up of a few outstanding individuals."

Roxie White





Boys Wrestling Team (Row 1, left to right): Matt Walker, Chris Huff, Rusty Yoder, Brian Saal (Row2): Mat Maid Erin Booth, Steve Howard, Robert Lonie, Wayne Beale, Danny McNulty, Gavin Simpson, Brian O'Connor, Seth Scholfield, Manager Jill Reed, Coach John Alley (Row 3): Assistant Coach Bob Kanalley, Mat Maid Jennifer Wirtz, Matt Funkhouser, Scott Burger, John Rassi, Andy Brown, Scott Criss, Chris Stine, Brian Henderson, Andy Bailey, Seth McCoy, Mike Jones, Brent McClellan, Manager Roxanne White Photo By Lindahl Photography

Scoreboard		
Opponent The	m - Us	
Penn	48-13	
LaSalle	21-49	
Memorial	32-26	
Delta	69-6	
Central Super Dual	1st	
Bremen	22-52	
John Glenn	18-48	
Tri-Central	27-37	
Central Noble	9-63	
Triton	15-60	
F.W. Wayne	21-52	
M.C. Elston	16-54	
Adams	30-38	
Clay	31-29	
Riley	52-12	
Mishawaka	51-7	
F.W. Bish. Luers	12-63	
Daleville	21-51	
Washington	32-30	

Below: Some of the team members pose for a friendly picture in between their warm-up sessions. Their smiles are big as the team score is shown at half.

Photo by Reid Mellott

Left: Forgein exchange student Thais Pepe demonstrates a balance move on the balance beam. Freshman Mindy Edman (left) attemps her mount on the other beam.

Photo by Reid Mellott





Above: Junior captain Jamie Sassaman warms up her back- hand springs on the floor, before the varsity floor competition begins.

Photo by Reid Mellott

Right: Freshman Lori Herrick pratices her routine on the bars to make the last changes before she heads into competition the next day.

Photo by Reid Mellott





Coaches Corner...

"This year's team was definitely the nucleus of a great powerhouse team, and next year everyone should be looking for us to have progressed into a great team." Coach Steve Rossi

Working hard as a team! **Gymnastics**

ard " is only one of the words most fequently used by the student body about the gymnasts. Gymnastics concentrates on hard work and self-endurance. Tara Morey said,"Even though our record does not show it, everyone on the team has worked extremely hard."

People do not realize how much work is put into it. Gymnastics is ninety percent mental and ten percent physical (strong). You can not give up, you have to be persistant everyday. This year there were only two returning lettermen.

Coach Rossi has really turned this team around. Junior Co-Captain Jamie Sassaman said," Rossi has brought our team together as a whole, and he has made us achieve our best." The team averaged their team scores in the high eighty's to the low ninety's. Both Sassaman and Morey added," Getting to know everyone on the team, making new friends, sharing new experiences were the best things about the whole season."

Roxanne White





Girl's Gymnastics 93-94: (Row 1, left to right): Manager Stacy Jonhson, Lorii Herrick, Mandy Leaszenby, Jron Turner, Mindy Edman, Ali Bargo, Manager Erica Weaver. (Row2): Tara Morey, Thein Simaraks, Assistant Coach Tara Steede, Shanna Sheline, Cari Witcher, Coach Steve Rossi, Sara Bryant, Erica Thomas, Francesca Bogani, Thais Pepe, Jamie Sassaman

Photo by Lindahl Photography

93-94

Scoreboard

Opponent Them - Us Lakeland 85.2-81.3 Lakeland Invite Chesterton 105.7-88.45 East Noble 89.5-80.13 West Noble 55.65-67.25 Plymouth 87-73.75 86.95-76.25 Memorial Lowell 96.25-82.85 Crown Point 80.9-82.85 Warsaw 82.3-85.5 Wawasee 101.85-73.4

It's All About Spirit

Cheerleading

heerleading is the backbone of school spirit. We all win if our teams win; we all lose, if our teams lose. This spirit of unity is a necessity for success that must have our commitment to the school and the teams. The cheerleaders help guarantee that we don't forget this commitment. They jump; they excite us at games and encourage the team and crowd if the opponents score a point.

Cheerleaders invest a lot of work. Practice up to four hours a day is not unusual. Not only physical fitness is a prerequisite for cheerleading, but it also takes creativity to find the great cheers. Cheerleading captain Tara Heflick recites one of the most popular cheers during the football season: "Hey, we're dynamite! Go Tiktiktiktiktiktik Booom! Go, Blue!" The atmosphere the cheerleaders evoke by such proding slogans definitely plays a dominant role in the spirit of the games. And it is the spirit that cheerleading is all about.

Barbara Perlich

Quote from the Coach

"I feel that the Varsity cheerleading program has progressed greatly since last year. It was quite an adjustment going from 3 to 10 varsity cheerleaders. The girls have worked well with improving on their stunts." Coach Kellie Rems



"I wanted to be involved in school spirit. What I hope to accomplish is to help it grow. I want to support the teams." **Junior** Kim Freshour



Varsity: (Row 1, left to right): Tara Duncan, Tara Heflick (Row 2, left to right): Amanda Hinrichs, Kim Freshour (Row 3, left to right): Jamie Sassaman, "Mr.B." Chris Huff, LaTonya Outlaw (Row 4, left to right): Liz Shelt, Dana Johnson, Tara Morey, Rachel Zarria

Photo by Lindahl Photography





At a get-together with Memorial's cheerleaders, the two mascots of the schools pose for the photo. Mr.B (left) helped Central's cheerleaders to excite the crowd.

Photo by Reid Mellott

Bottom left: The cheerleaders definitely accomplished their goal in annual matchup with the Penn Kingsmen: Let's make the crowd cheer!

Photo by Lindahl Photography



Freshmen:(Row 1, left to right): Mindy Edmond, Rene Davis (Row 2, left to right): Christy Menowski, Rebecca Lintjer, Tiffani Markey

Photo by Lindahl Photography

Why cheerleading?

"It's exciting being in front of the crowd and leading the crowd on cheering for the team."

Senior Dana
Johnson





Junior Varsity: (Row 1, left to right): Jameka Redmond, "Mr.B." Chris Huff, Shanna Reza (Row 2, left to right): Erica Thomas, Allie Varge, Shanna Sheline Photo by Lindahl Photography

Creating An Impression

Jennifer Watson creates another banner to hang in the Student Center as part of her responsibilities as a member of the Spirit Club. They decorated the halls with anything from miniature footballs to blue and white stars.

Photo by Robert Lonie

"Organizations" Brett Jellison

The Elkhart Central High School organizations had an extremely busy year helping the community with everything from the recycling of paper to promoting Blazer Spirit. Their goal is serving those in need- no matter how big or small.

Elkhart Central High School has over 20 clubs to offer the student body. Youth Forum, for example, is a club that taught students how to help their peers deal with their problems. These problems range from suicide to teen pregnancy. Their main focus involves determining when to report a serious

problem to a police officer or counselor. National Honor Society helped the community raise money for The Salvation Army by ringing bells during Christmas, and Key Club

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wrapped presents for the needy children in the city during the holiday season as well.

On a musical note, the Drama Club put on a variety of plays' during the year, including the musical, "Annie," which featured La Tonya Outlaw in the lead role. The Spirit Club roared through the hallways with spirit as they made signs to cheer on the many teams and clubs before all of there meets. Student Council helped in the decision making process concerning rules of conduct as well as organizing special events. And the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and Principal's Student Advisory Council came together to discuss their concerns for Central and thought of ways to improve them. These club members, and many other students at ECHS, donated their time and energy to assist in "creating an impression" in the whole community that will linger on for years to come.

Students Helping Students

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Helping) is a group of students from both Elkhart high schools. New members attend a retreat where leaders



Y.O.U.T.H. members attend a noon hour meeting to learn more about dealing with the problems Central students face.

Photo by Reid Mellott

posted so that students who need to talk about problems can contact one of the members if they so desire.

Y.O.U.T.H. (Youth Offering Understanding Through member is faced with a large problem such as depression, suicide, or eating disorders, he/she relays the problem to a counselor or social worker. Interested students can be

recommended by a teacher or peer. An application is then completed and turned in to a counselor. Once chosen, new members attend a retreat held at Ancilla College in Plymoth, Indiana during September. At the retreat the new members play games to learn how to communicate with each other and to see how they

"Y.O.U.T.H. has helped me deal with the problems of my friends." Y.O.U.T.H. member Tim Jackson

treat others. Mrs. Lori Kay Sherck is the advisor of the group. Members attend meetings during lunch and talk about problems that they have encountered throughout the year. **Iessie Stroup**

Test Your Knowledge Quiz Bowl

Quiz Bowl is the club for those interested in *Jeopardy!* The game of questions and answers is lead by math department chairman, Bill Cavanaugh. He helps the

> "I enjoy competing at something other than sports." **Quiz Bowl** co-captain **Bryan Jones**

team, practice and prepare for matches against rival high schools mostly from South Bend. A match consists of four rounds with twenty-five questions in each round. The questions cover basic subjects learned in everyday classes. The questions are pulled from six categories: Math, English, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language, and

General Knowledge. Pencils and paper may be used to work out math problems. The third round is a speed round where only the captains can answer. The captain is allowed to confer with his teammates before he gives his answer. There were enough members to compose a varsity and junior varsity team. In competition, members may not begin to answer until they are called on. If a

answer is given early, it is ignored. When an incorrect answer is given ten points are taken away. correct answer worth ten points. Co-



Quiz Bowl members Jeff Tyhach, Rich Walter, Bryan Jones, and Eli Myers stand ready to meet the challenge

Photo by Reid Mellott

captain, Bryan Jones stated, "Quiz Bowl is a great way to test your knowledge." **Tessie Stroup**

Looking Forward To Snow Days

Ski Club

One of the most enjoyed and loved hobbies of Elkhart Central students is downhill skiing. With the wind blowing in their face, and the cold numbing their noses,

"Ski Club gives me a chance to spend time with my friends doing something I enjoy." Ski Club member Rob Richardson the students slide down their favorite hills with ease. For skiers with less experience, the trip downhill can be a rough one, for beginners spend a lot of their time picking themselves up off the ground. For skiers with more skill there are small jumps that some try to tackle.

Ski Club heads for the

nills every winter Tuesday afternoon. Upon arrival at Swiss Valley, MIchigan, the skiers buckle themselves in their ski boots and skis. If a pair of skis and boots just are not in your budget, ski and boot rental is available for a small fee. There is the bunny hill for those who have little or no talent. The remaining hills range from slightly steep and short to very steep and short. Each of these hills

is equipped with a ski lift. A cafeteria is ready to satisfy the hungries with your favorite foods. Once the warmth setsbackin, more skiing



Sets back in, ski Club members Ryan Simmons and Renee Benjamin prepare sets back in, to head for the hills at Swiss Valley Ski Resort, Michigan.

Photo by Reid Mellott

awaits or one can pay a visit to the ski shop, where they can satisfy all your skiing needs.

Jessie Stroup

Students Get Hands On Diplomatic Training

Model United Nations

In February, twenty-four students visited the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan for four days to observe and participate in a model of the United Nations.



Model U.N. members (row 1, left to right): Dwuan Watson, Angel Hernandez, Brooke Marks, Liz Poe, Jodi Kurtze, Rebecca Lintjer, Kristin Kubasiak. (Row 2): Anil Gupta, Joe Mishkin, Shontale Bryant, Tony Datena, Angie Gunden, Tara Poyser, Liz Elliott, Sara Walker, Alexandra Platusich, Sean Frick. (Row 3): Rich Walters, Pat Keogan, Ryan Sfreddo, Jon Church, Jenny Black, and Katie Root.

Photo by Reid Mellott

participate, students attended meetings every Monday from November to February at lunch. The chosen participants were assigned

In order to

one of the following countries: Australia, Jordan, Uganda, Palestine, or Spain. The students then prepared a paper

concerning the country's views on specific problems. The papers were sent to Ann Arbor for analysis. A University of Michigan student read the papers to find out how the student had prepared themselves for the trip.

To raise money for the trip, students had to give up a Saturday afternoon to wash cars in the middle of

"Model U.N. is a great experience. It teaches you a lot about different countries and problem that the world is facing today."

Jenny Black

December. They also stayed after school to sell baked goods at the front doors. Brochures filled with candy and Christmas cards were passed around for all to pick and choose from to help pay for the trip.

Jessie Stroup

Giving Mother Earth A Helping Hand

Society for a Better Earth

Society For A Better Earth was busy during the year recycling paper products such as computer paper and cardboard. They were also researching new and better



S. F. B. E. (Left to right): Courtney Papa, Stephanie Stauffer, Sarah Wessel, Jessica Wagers, Amanda Zurek, Mrs. Dabler, Carrie Cloud, Erica Thomas, Allison Vargo, Erin Beehler, Veronica Weiss, Carrie Wicher, Amy Cooper, Amy Lello, Abby Burkett, Monica Bailey. Photo by Reid Mellott and

ways help our school learn how to take care of our environment. Sponsored by Mrs. Dabler, this group adopted a highway in January, future. "Right now, we are researching places to adopt a whale from," said President Erin Beehler, "We just want to make sure it is legitimate."

Some of the recycled paper that they collect is used for animal beds. This is a good method of recycling because they can use several types of paper, and it does not matter what color the paper is.

During the year, they placed ads in the school newspaper and posted recycling bins for scrap paper "Our ultimate goal is awareness. We need to get county wide assistance in recycling," President Erin Beehler

and computer paper all over the school. To keep their organization going, they are hoping that the underclassmen who are currently in the club will stay in the next few years, and will recruit some of their friends also.

Laura Brooks

Expanding Their Horizons International Club

International Club was sponsored by Mrs. Papa, Mrs. Saunders, and Mrs. Sherck. It was made up of several students including the exchange students. Exchange student Barbara Perlich said, "The trip to Goshen Col-

hoping to adopt a rainforest and a whale in the very near

"The exchange students are really neat to be around. You learn a lot from their culture." **Brooke Marks**

lege for the International Affair was my favorite experience."

"The exchange students are really neat to be around," said Brooke Marks. "You learn a lot from their culture."

At weekly meetings club members mainly discussed future engagements and other upcoming events.

During the year they held group activities such as a ski trip, a Halloween Party, and a Christmas party. They planned a dinner at Memorial with the members of their International Club, however, it had to be cancelled. Once

in a while, they had cookie exchanges and the exchange students brought in pictures from their countries. "It was really nice, especially for the exchange students because it gave them a chance to meet people out of class."

commented Barbara Perlich. "There were advantages because there were only girls in the club, would have been more fun if there



Exchange students Saengthien Simaraks, Barbara Perlich, Thais Pepe, Francesca Bogani offer insight into other cultures in the International Club.

Photo by Reid Mellott International Club.

were boys in the club."

Laura Brooks

Giving Spirit A Boost

Spirit Club

Many students felt that our school spirit was low at times, but there was a club that proved them wrong a long time ago. Spirit Club, sponsored by Pat Berkey and

"Spirit Club is a great way for people to show spirit and help boost participation in school activities."

President Jenny Watson Barb True, spent most of the year making colorful banners and hanging them in the student center. These banners informed the students whatever they needed to know about any upcoming games and other sport events. They also spent lunch hours in meetings discussing future events and other activities used to make

money or boost the spirits of our student body.

Throungout the year, they had fundraisers including a bake sale in October, and their Annual May Day flower sale. The flower sale enables students to buy a flower and

send it to someone special. "The flower sale helps us to give spring a boost and bring it into the building," said Barb True. They used the money they made to buy

supplies that were used for the banners.

Jenny Watson, club president, said, "Spirit Club is a great way for people to show spirit and help boost



Spirit Club (Front row, Left to right): Steve Janzen, Samantha Bucks, Kim Powell, Angel Hernandez (Back row): Naomi Kleitz, Jenny Watson, Barb True, Pat Berkey, Jaime Roberts, Ivy Hunt.

Photo by Reid Mellott

participation in school activities."

Laura Brooks

Future Scientists Compete for Fun

Scientists Olympiad

"Science Olympiad is a good experience for anyone who enjoys science and math," said Kevin Dejong, the president of Science Olympiad. This club is sponsored by Mr. Benjamin, but requires the help of many other science

Science Olympiad (Left to right): Paul Germain, Brian Saal, Renee Benjamin, Kevin DeJong, Jay Askren, Kira Homo, Kristin Kubasiak. Photo by Reid Mellott

against other area schools such as Memorial and Concord and

teachers.

Thev

competed

cord and plan to add Penn to the list in the fall

of 1994. Teams compete in groups of two to four or individually. One exciting event is the annual challenge

against the staff. Science Olympiad meets every other week during lunch to discuss the different categories they could compete in and find out who would compete in each one. The categories included "Name That Organ-

ism," "Rocks and Fossils,"
"Scrambler," "Bridge
Building," and many others. They had competitions
with other high schools in
the area such as Memorial
and Concord. They could
compete in groups of two
to four or individually.

"You get out of school for a day and it's a lot of fun," said Jay Askren, a member of the club. "If you are good in sciences and are interested in expanding views and interests, you should join."

Greg Carter

Greg Carter, commented, "If you are good in sciences and are interested in expanding views and interests, you should join."

Laura Brooks

Solving World Problems

Future Problem Solvers

The Future Problem Solvers (F.P.S.) organization was a successful group of students. In groups of four, they figured out solutions to problems of the near and not so



Future Problem Solvers (front row): Jeremy Thomas, Andrew Wu, Christine Russell, Jennifer Garber (back row) Adrian Graber, Jeremy Busham, Mrs. Minichillo, Mrs. Dabler
Photo by Reid Mellott

near future. The teams were given a question that they were to answer in a 'might be', or, 'possibly will be' sort of answer.

F.P.S. partici-

pated in many activities that came up with some answers that, if focused on, may in deed help mankind. One

student commented on the specific problems that they received, "The problems were mostly about tourism, pollution in Antarctica, and what the world would be like

if it were run by robots, which will truly affect the students of the future." Kristin Kubasiak stated, "Future Problem Solvers is a good way to figure out who the leaders are by the way certain people just take charge right away."

Future Problem Solving takes some effort, but is a worthwhile activity to par-

"FPS is a good way to figure out who the leaders are."

FPS member Kristin Kubasiak

ticipate in. The students that were in F.P.S. from Elkhart Central may eventually be solving real world problems that seem to lie idle in the midst of the expanding world.

Barbara Perlich

Service For The Community

National Honor Society

"National Honor Society is a serviceorganization for not only the school, but the outside community as well." During the school year, Elkhart Central again had a

"[NHS is] a great organization filled with talented individuals."

NHS member Angie Rodino chance to show that this general statement about NHS is true. Members of Central's NHS have been working with the animals at the Humane Society, rang bells for the Salvation Army, raised money for Riley's Children's Hospital, spent time baby-sitting at Child Abuse Prevention Services and volunteered at Loveway Therapeutic

Horseback Riding for the handicapped. They also helped out at the Women's Shelter, tutored at adult education, participated in the adopt a highway program, worked at Tolson Center, and helped with the ADEC Ride-a-Bike program.

The many different requirements students had to have to be a part of this exclusive organization were leadership qualities, good academic skills with a grade

point average of 3.2, and an interestinaiding a wide variety of organizations.

They had to be willing to show that NHS is a service not only for the school, but the outside community as well.

NHS is a service not only for the School, but the outside community as well.



NHS(R.1) Garrett Montgomery, Wendy Noffsinger, Meg Jackson, Sam Thompson, Jay Askren, Gretchen Heinrichs, Heather Lands, Julie Fessenden, Brian Pauler (R.2) Jenny Bushong, Angie Rodino, Amy Law, Carla Mendez, Anjanette Lehman, Karol Kulesia, Sean Frick, Frank Hughes, Lindsey Bierbaum, Mark Benjamin, Amy Todd, Derek Metzler, Mandy Ropp, Joe Mishkin (R.3) Lisl Heymans, Monika Keggirus, Stacy Harbough, Amanda Kennedy, Tina Hull, Brian Saal, Ryan Cantzler, Kevin DeJong, Ryan Sfreddo, Jon Church, Rich Walter

Barbara Perlich

Turning The Key Of Your Future

Key Club

Another of the fantastic organizations at Central that ad its goal in helping the school and the community was

"Key Club is an excellent way to help the community in more than one way."

Key Club member Eli Myers

the Elkhart Central High School Key Club. One of the many different activities Key Club participated in was the "Buckle Your Bod" campaign. The goal of this campaign was to make the students aware of the dangers of driving without a seatbelt. In order to achieve this goal, Key Club members distributed papers to students at Central which explained the

mpaign. Students then signed "contracts" in which ey promised to use their seatbelts.

To help the many different organizations of the comunity, Key Club members sold peanuts to raise money for Child Abuse Prevention Services. Members also served meals for the homeless at the Faith Mission in

d o w n - t o w n Elkhart , hoped to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program, and, at christmas time, the students rang bells for the Salvation n Army.



Key Club:(Row 1) Missy Wagner, Gretchen Heinrichs, Eric Heinrichs, Kristin Kubasiak, Katie Root, Eli Myers, Nick Funkhouser, Matt Funkhouser (Row 2) Jason Tally, Kristin Cripe, Beth Widomski, Melissa Loasch, Anette McCaskey, Beth Lawrence, Jeff Feddersen, Damon Emgenbroich, Sean Frick, Elizabeth Adamson, Jeremy Thomas, Amy Todd, Amanda Kennedy, Phil Seaver, Amy Krouse, Rebecca Lintjer

Photo by Reid Mellott Barbara Perlich

Getting Involved With The Future

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The Principal's Student Advisory Council/ Superindent's Student Advisory Council was composed of ght students from each high school, a teacher, who was

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AC/SSAC: Chris Haimbach, Jeff Beelaert, Ryan Cantzler, Jeff ddersen, Sean Frick

Photo by Reid Mellott Principal's

Student dvisory Council/Superintendent's Student Advisory ouncil (PSAC/SSAC) any student in good standing

could submit a petition signed by twenty-five students of his/her respective high school; a series of questions to be answered by the student was issued with the petition.

The responsibilities of the PSAC/SSAC were attending monthly meetings with the Superintendent, and any member who missed more than two meetings without advance notice or written excuse to the Superintendent could have been dismissed by the Superintendent.

Being a member of PSAC/SSAC gave students

gives students the great chance to communicate with the superintendent."

Jeff Feddersen

"SSAC/PSAC

the chance to get involved with the future of the school and help overcome issues facing the school that may affect the upcoming students.

Barbara Perlich

The Gang Behind the Curtain

Drama Club

Drama club is a group of students interested in the theatrical workings in the area of drama. Being involved in the theatre and Drama Club helps students better



The Drama Club members are all active in the ECHS musicals and drama productions. This "Annie" chorus is a great example of drama involvement.

Photo by Lindahl

the workings of producing a play. Students are in charge of selling tickets, set construction, lighting, and the performing of the play. Many of the

understand

several years. The majority of these students plan continue a pursuit in the performing arts field.

Drama Club members may eventually become Thesp

ans by earning ten Thespian points.

The '93-'94 officers were Beth Lawrence, President; Autumn Wirth, Vice president; Kristin Kubasiak, Treasurer; Wendy Noffsinger and Andrea Wenzel, Secretaries. Vice President Autumn Wirth said, "The Drama Club has definite potential in the fu-

"The musical and play productions in the next few years will be awesome."

Vice President Autumn Wirth

ture because of the new freshmen in the club." Involvment in the Drama club and other areas of drama could held determine if acting, singing, or dancing in the theat might be a possible choice of profession. *Jodi Kurt*.

When We Speak, Everybody Listens Speech

The speech team program is designed to give students a chance to develop and compete with their speaking skills. Coaches Kevin and Barbara Ong lead their team

individuals have been involved in the drama program for

"Speech Team is the only competition where you compete on the national level."

Coach

Kevin Ong

members in the Saturday competitions which range in many different areas of speaking skills, such as: poetry, discussion, dramatic interpretation, original interpretation, original oratory, debate, impromptu, and extemporaneous. Extemporaneous is considered one of the most intensive areas of the speech catego-

ries. Each constant is given one-half hour to prepare a seven minute speech on a random topic. Impromptu is also considered difficult because the contestants are given thirty seconds to prepare a five minute speech.

All areas of competition help the members by shar ening their communication abilities for various career Each member has the opportunity to earn National F

rensic League points. The y gather merits and honors on different levels based on the number of points. The members may then earn



Speech Team members Chris Haimbach, Jeremy Thomas, Rhoi May White, Karol Kulesia, Jenny Bushong, and Jeff Beelaert, Sean Fr discuss meet strategies.

Photo by Reid Mell

certificates which increase their standing in the Nation Forensic League. *Jodi Kurt*:

Student Newspaper Gets a Face Lift

The Blazer Pennant

The Blazer Pennant is staffed by students interested in ournalism. It keeps students informed on all events of chool, covers many of the current events in the

"I was accepted to Ball State's journalism department because of my experience as the Editor-in-chief." **Missy Gaume**

community and is published twelve times a year. The Pen*nant* is also a self-supporting newspaper. The staff is responsible for writing, advertising, and photography. The '93-'94 Editor-in-chief was Missy Gaume, with Andrea Wenzel, Matt Walker, Liz Elliot, Leah Bachman, Derek Metzler, and Sean Frick serving as various editors

working under her. People who are interested in the field of journalism have found this paper program helpful. Gaume has been involved with the Pennant for four rears."I was accepted to Ball State's journalism department because of my experience as the Editor-in-chief," she

First year advisor Leslie Smith was responsible for the

new, modern 16-page magazine format that students and faculty found to be refreshing.

Freshman Rebecca Lintjer said,"It is factual in-



The Pennant Staff (front row, left to right): Fay Kemp, Andrea Wenzel, Courtney Treiber, Leah Bachman, Autumn Wirth. (Back row): Advisor Mrs. Leslie Smith, Missy Guame, Sean Frick, Liz filled with Elliott, Russell Yoder, Derek Metzler, Cherish Pletcher.

formation, but at the same time it is enjoyable to read." Iodi Kurtze

Having A Say in the Business of Running A School

Student Council

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Under the direction of Van Young, Student Council is group of students elected by their peers to represent the views and concerns of their fellow students. The officers



At one of their lunch meetings, the Student Council discusses issues

Photo by Reid Mellott R y a n

Cantzler, President, Gretchen Heinrichs, Vice President, and Derek Metzler who served as Secretary/Treasurer.

The council sponsors the Sadie Hawkins Day dance, and has maintained a voice in the open lunch debate. A new event that the Student Council undertook was Olympic

Night. This was a Saturday night event that benefited Arlene Fisher who was injured in a car accident. At the Olympic Night, there was a dance, basketball and volleyball. The event lasted for four hours and students from Elkhart Central, Memorial, and Goshen, worked together to make Olympic Night happen.

"Student Council is a way for students to get involved in the issues that involve student's concerns." Social Chairperson Kari Smaka

Roxie White, an attendant at Olympic Night, said," Olympic Night was fun because it was an interesting way to raise money for a good cause."

Iodi Kurtze

Taking A Step In the Right Direction

Freshman Class Officers

Freshman year is the time to set a tone for the coming three years, not just for the school but for the community too. A great way to get involved is to become a freshman



Freshhman Class Officers (From top, clockwise): Jessica Bradley, Kevin Cantzler, Kari Smaka, Malaika Homo, Nadia Charguia.

class offi-

The class of '97 officers, sponsored by Merilee Britt, were President Kevin Cantzler, Vice-President Jessica Photo by Reid Mellott Bradley, Treasurer

The freshman class usually sponsores a dance to raise money for the Junior Prom and their gift to the graduat ing senior class but was not able to do so. Cantzler stated

"I was very disappointed when the freshmen weren't offered the same opportunity that others had in the past. Since we ran into this problem so late in the school year, we were stuck with few options to choose from, but we will try our best." Some of the options included selling drinks at dances, selling candy after

"It's a good opportunity to learn leadership skills and also learn how to work with other people." Malaika Homo

school, having a car wash, or holding a bake sale.

The freshman leaders felt that they had a great class o people and enjoyed representing their student body.

Missy Gaume

Nadia Charguia, Secretary Malaika Homo, Social Chairperson Kari Smaka.

Class of '96 Takes the Homecoming Title

Sophomore Class Officers

What a year it was for the class of 1996. They came from behind and captured the Homecoming float competition, and sponsored the Spring Fever Dance, which had one of the biggest turnouts of the year. This was all made

possible thanks to the officer of the Class of '96.

"No one expected to win the float contest. When we heard our class announced over the load speaker during halftime, we were estatic."

Z. Platusich

Representing sophomores were President Jenny Black, Vice-President Brooke Marks, Treasurer Z. Platusich, Secretary Erik Heinrichs, Social-Chairperson Katie Root, and sponsor Sharon Papa. "It's a lot of fun to participate in things." Brooke Marks

stated, "you also get a chance to be on the float, and set examples for others."

"No one expected to win the float contest. When we heard our class announced over the load speaker during halftime we were estatic," said Z. Platusich. The theme o the float was "Spook the Kingsmen." They dressed a witches and ghosts in hopes that the judges would se that they were in the Halloween spirit for the Octobe

Homecoming, and they did.

The sophomore class had a wonderful year and accomplished all of their intended goals. These leaders hope to



Sophomore Class Officers: (Front row, left to right): Alexandr Platusich, Erik Heinrichs, JennyBlack. (Back row): Katie Roc

Photo by Reid Mello

return in the fall and pursue another winning year as the officer for the Class of '96. Missy Gaum

Leadership Sometimes Means Difficult Decision Making

Junior Class Officers

that Central's ever had, " stated Junior Class President end, we decided that we could make the Prom awesome

"We wanted the PROM theme to be original and something that people could have fun with."

Lindsay Benko

LaTonya Outlaw, when preparing for the 1994 Prom. The '93-'94 officers, under the sponsorship of Pat Berkey and Kelly Rems, were President LaTonya Outlaw, Vice-President Lindsay Benko, Secretary Elizabeth Elliott, Treasurer Chris Haimbach, and Social-Chairperson Sara

The officers are responsible for making some-

times unpopular decisions. There was some controversy concerning the theme of this year's Prom, "Moondance," by Van Morrison. "We wanted the Prom theme to be original and something that people could have fun with,"

The Junior Class sponsors the most important event of stated Lindsay Benko, "then when people started signthe year; the Prom. "We want to make this the best Prom ing petitions against it, it made us think twice. But in the

> with the theme, so we used it."

While being class officer doesn't require too much time, most of the junior leaders were inother activities



volved in Junior Class Officers (Front): Chris Haimbach (Back row): Liz Elliott, Lindsay Benko, Sara Walker, LaTonya Outlaw Photo by Reid Mellott

while still maintaining a 3.0 G..P.A. or better.

Missy Gaume

Make Graduation a Success

Senior Class Officers

The Class Officers for the class of 1994 were: President Sean Frick, Vice-President Chis Huff, Treasurer Carla Mendez, Secratary Amy Todd, Social-Chairperson Eli They are sponsored by Bud Wulliman. Mvers.



Senior Class Officers (Top): Amy Todd, Carla Mendez (Bottom): Chris Huff, Eli Myers, Sean Frick

Photo by Reid Mellott

everyone run for a class position. First to give a lesson in politics and second. learn organizational

reccommend

skills."

stated Frick. They are responsible for building a float for the Homecoming festivities, which is held in October, and preparing for graduation. One week before Homecoming, they decided the theme of the float would be "Flush the Kingsmen." The students dressed as plumbers and decorated their float as a bathroom stall.

thought our float was the best one. It definitely was the most original," said

Mendez felt that this is one of the best classes that Central has ever had. To celebrate that achievement, the officers prepared for what they hope will be a tradition, a senior class trip."We feel it's an out-

"I reccommend everyone run for a class position. First to give a lesson in politics and second, to learn organizational skills." Sean Frick

standing senior class and deserves a senior trip," stated The senior class had a wonderful year. This would not have been possible without the help from the 94' Class Officers. Missy Gaume

"Advertising" Brett Jellison

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There wasn't a day that had gone by that students didn't need money, whether it was for movies, college, gas, clothes, or just to go out and have some fun. The majority of them found that their pleas for money fell on the ears of parents who didn't want to hear about their needs for extra cash. That didn't help them succeed in getting what they wanted. Most of the students had to go out and find a job they liked so that they could earn money for themselves. Getting a job and earning money made many feel like they had just overcome a major hurdle in their lives. After

Pennant Annual 1993-1994 picking up that first paycheck, they could really have a tremendous time spending it all on a Whopper

with cheese, Janet Jackson's "Janet" compact disc, seeing Jurassic Park on the big screen, gas, and fries.

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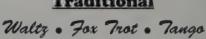
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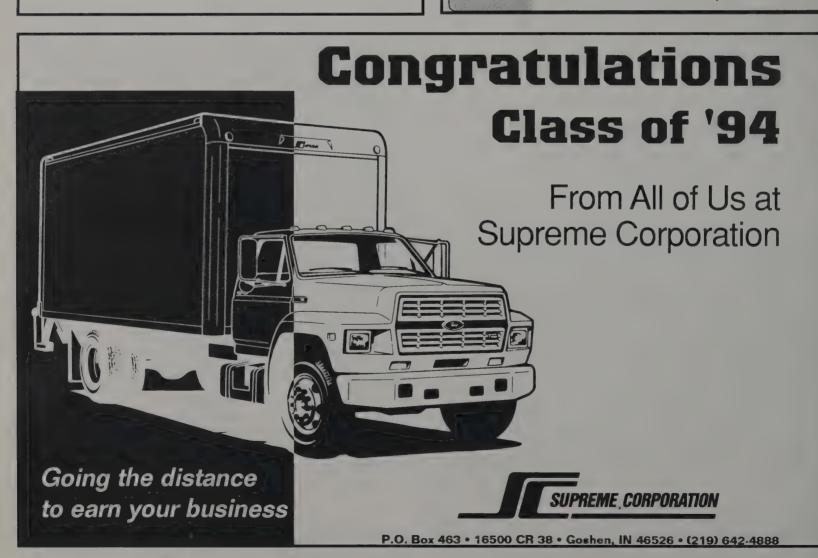
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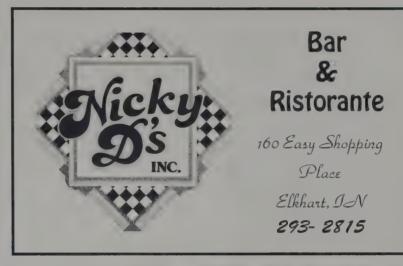
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The time has come to loosen our hold and watch you fly. Our love soars with you always!

Mama and Daddy





Eve Briggs

We wish you much happiness, great success, and love always.
Congratulations and Good Luck!

Love, Mom and Dad

Kimberly Cleveland

Kim, You continue to make us very proud. Our love and gratitude are with you, always.

Your family





Cathy Clifford

From kindergarten to graduation, you're still our little girl.
Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Love, Dad and Mom

Courtney Copley

With every ending comes a new beginning - may all your "beginnings" be blessed!

Love, Carrah and Mom





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You've grown into a caring and strong person! This is what counts in life. We know life hasn't always been fair to us, but you have gone on to help others in spite of tragedy. In this way, you have also helped yourself. We're really proud of you and love you very much! It's now time to spread your wings and fly!

Love, Mom, Dad, & Alicia (she's with you always)

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Congratulations Tara!
Love and Best Wishes as
you graduate!
May Happiness-LoveSuccess follow you
wherever you go.
Love,

Mom and Your Family





Damon Emgenbroich

Best of luck to our future engineer! We love you!

Mom and Dad



You have made us so proud!
You're getting a great start in life!

Love, Mom and Dad





Jennifer Garber

"Trust in the
Lord
with all your
heart,
don't lean on your own
understanding, and
He shall direct
your paths."

Gretchen Heinrichs

Best Wishes, Gretchen. Success and happiness in the future. May you catch the big one!

Love, Dad, Mom and Erik



7ara Helser

I remember your first day of school, so nervous and scared. I look at you now and see a talented, beautiful, and intelligent young woman.

I wish for you fame, fortune, and most of all, love.

I love you! Mom

Sarah Hopman

May your dreams become reality!

All our love, Mom and Dad



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We love you -Good Luck!

Dad and Karen

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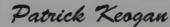




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The strength of your character and beauty of your spirit will allow you to reach any goal you desire.

We Love You, Mom and Dad



Carpe Diem!

Love, Mom, Dad, Marykate, Nonnie, Grandma Helen, Astro, and Chow-Chow





C. Alphonzo Lee

It's been a long hard struggle these 18 years, but the reward is now and here. May God strengthen you and carry you through a long journey ahead. You are flesh of my flesh and blood of my blood. You are my first born son. (And I love you.)

Your Mother, Karen

Kimberly Lerner

Wishing you all the best in the years to come! You've made us all very proud!

Love you! Mom, Dick, Cherie & "Baby Bro"



Joseph Mishkin

Best of Luck Always to a super kid!

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Congratulations
"Sweetie"!
You have made us
very proud.
May all your
dreams
come true!





Amy Zueen

You started as an angel; then came childhood, and now you're a sweet graduate whom we love very much.

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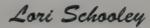
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Mom, Dad, and Mikel



Best of Luck, Lori (Peanut). We're proud of you and we love you.

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Ryan Smaka

Can't believe it's time to leave the nest, but the best is yet to come!

All our love and support, Dad, Mom, Todd, and Kari

Lisa Swartzell

Through the years, we've watched you grow into a beautiful young woman.
But you will always remain our Peanut.

Congratulations!





Jeremy Thomas

You have achieved so much since Eastwood. We're really proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Steph

Sam Thompson

May your heart always be joyful. May your song always be sung. And may you stay forever young. (Salene's rule)





Matt Walker

Remember the yesterdays; confront the tomorrows, and the future will unfold for you.

Mom, Dad, and Susanne

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Congratulations on completing this first part of a very long journey ahead.

Good Luck

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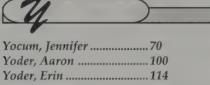
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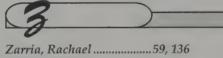
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HAVE to meet those deadlines!" This oftenheard quote from advisor Marsha Bass reflected the sometimes stressful but positive atmosphere among the staff. This atmosphere lasted through several almost-catastrophes concerning computers, pictures, schedules, deadlines, stories, and babies: Baby Grant Bass made it necessary that the yearbook staff was advised by substitute Linda Ladd over a period of two months.

The process from the as-

"People, if you want to signment sheet to the final make a good yearbook we proof with sometimes led over unsuspected obstacles which made the work surprising and always new. A few afternoon worksessions and lunchtime sales showed the staff's dedication to get the book done on time. Still, there was always enough time for socializing. For another release from hard work the staff went to Ball State University for the annual High School Journalism Day. And a journalism banquet at the end of the year compensated quite a few nervous breakdowns.

Barbara Perlich

Zuotes from The Advisor:

"Hubbahubba!"

"Nobody leaves this room before I have all your stories and I don't care if we sit here 'til midnight!"

"... and you don't want to make me angry, right?!"

"What is this? And this? And this?..."

Acting in a normal situation are Carla Cook, Reid Mellott, advisor Marsha Bass and Laura Brooks. Questions and stress were common, but everybody still had a

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Pennant Annual 1993-1994: (front row, left to right) Missy Gaume, Reid Mellott, Advisor Bass, Carla Cook, Laura Brooks, Barbara Perlich (back row) Roxie White, Jessie Stroup, Jodie Kurtze, Jamie Arbuthnot, BJ Jellison

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Birthday parties in class contributed to the good atmosphere as Roxie White and Missy Gaume show. Or it might have been another try to keep us from nervous break-Photo by Barbara Perlich

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Impressions ...

Are with you till the end

With the weather getting warmer and the sun rising earlier and setting later, most of the students at Elkhart Central could hardly wait for that final day in June. At the beginning of the year that cherished day was set at June 3rd, but, thanks to Mother Nature, the school year was extended due to record cold temperatures and windy conditions.

After the end of the first semester, "spring fever" began to set in. As that final Friday before Spring Break drew closer, the feeling of anxiety was in the air as students sat in class day dreaming about the sun, the water, and, of course, members of the preferred sex. It took the clock forever to reach the final time of 3:10. After Spring Break the year moved on quickly and before we knew it second semester exams were being passed out and taken.

Red "X's" were being marked all over student's calenders as a way to count down the days. Seniors especially couldn't wait for the end of the year. A group of seniors put together a committee to form some special privileges for seniors only. The committee came up with the ideas of having a carnival, parking, class trip, an all night party, and getting out of second semester final exams if the student is passing the course with any form of an "A". As for underclassmen, all they could think of was how it would not be long before they would be one step closer to becoming a senior and enjoying these special privileges.

The sports events proved to be *impressive*. The girls swim team had an excellent season losing to only one competitor, Carmel, and placing second at the state meet. This was the first year for girls golf, the team made it's debut with flying colors. Boys basketball had an awesome season, impressing everyone including the voters, who ranked the Blazers as being one of the top teams in Indiana High School Basketball. Mr. Miller gave it his best, leading the baseball team during his first year as head coach. And the guys track team planned to make another trip to Indianapolis to defend their state title.

Although no one could wait for the school year to end, we all knew that the time we spent at Elkhart Central High School will leave an impression on us that will affect us for the rest of our lives. And to all of those who made the school year memorable: we are....impressed!

Jessie Stroup







If the senior class gets their wish, upper-classmen at Elkhart Central will be able to enjoy the special privilege of having their enjoy the special pown parking spaces.

Photo by Reid Mellott

Andrew Zinn and Chris Haimbach make their high school career at Elkhart Central an impressive one as they show off their talent in the fall musical, "Annie".

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A special place at Elkhart Central, the Blazer Boulevard Bridge is a spot where many students spend much of their lunch

Photo by Reid Mellott

The Freshmen class learned to work together throughout the year. Here they put their energy into their Homecoming float.

Photo by Reid Mellott



Photo submitted by Carla Cook

... I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and II took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
by Robert Frost

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